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"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

We are again in the *Watchtower* campaign. Last year, according to the *Yearbook*, around the world we obtained 2,387,904 new subscriptions for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* People want the magazines. And with good reason—these are the best magazines in the world.

Our report for last year included about a half million more subscriptions than during the previous year, but it was not our best year. Back in 1971 the brothers world wide obtained 2,702,972 subscriptions. Now, for the next four months, January through April, we shall have a wonderful opportunity to offer to the people *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, particularly *The Watchtower* because it is a *Watchtower* campaign. However, many persons will want subscriptions for both magazines. People who do not subscribe should be offered two magazines on a contribution of ten cents. The insight as to the significance of current events and the hope for the future contained in these magazines is not available in any other periodicals.

During these four months our distribution of magazines should increase. Last year, around the world, we had our greatest distribution of magazines by the Kingdom publishers. During the whole year our brothers and sisters distributed 273,238,018 copies. What a marvelous witness was thus given!

We are sure that all of you are watching the growth in printing of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines. The *Watchtower* printing per issue increased by over 700,000 last year; *Awake!*, by 900,000. With regular printings of over 8,700,000 for *The Watchtower* and 8,600,000 for *Awake!* these are two of the most widely read magazines of any kind in the world. Would it not be wonderful if, before 1975 passes, it became necessary for the Society, through all its printing facilities world wide, to print 10 million copies of each issue?

We here at Bethel are delighted with the demands put on us for the printing of the magazines. The paper supply is now ample. Maybe the *Watchtower* campaign will start moving things even more rapidly.

May Jehovah's rich blessing go with all of you as together we put forth an extraordinary effort to distribute these two fine magazines during 1975. Be assured of our warm love and good wishes.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Sharing in a Faith-building Work

1 Jehovah does not hide the truth from those seeking it. Even "the heavens are declaring the glory of God," as Psalm 19:1 says. The apostle Paul quoted from this psalm to illustrate the spread of "the word about Christ," saying: "Into all the earth their sound went out, and to the extremities of the inhabited earth their utterances." (Rom. 10:17, 18) Having come to put faith in "the word" ourselves, we are pleased to share the good news with others.—John 14:1, 12.

2 We can do this by sharing in the thirty-seventh annual *Watchtower* subscription campaign. When we consider that the truth is now being proclaimed in 207 countries and islands of the world, and that *The Watchtower* itself is published in 79 languages, with an average printing each issue of 8,700,000 copies, we can see the tremendous scope of this work.

3 But we realize, too, that just leaving copies of the magazines with the people, or even arranging for them to receive a subscription, is not necessarily going to build up their faith. Once the magazines are in the homes of the people they need to appreciate their value, take them out of their wrappers and read them. Will the life-giving truths the magazines contain really sink into the hearts of the people so they will grow in faith without further help? As Paul said, "Faith follows the thing heard." (Rom. 10:17) It helps if we can discuss with them the material presented. We should be alert to aid those who desire to increase their faith.

4 Many publishers concentrate on starting Bible studies with persons who receive one of the Society's small books as a study aid, but with subscribers some are not sure just how to proceed when it comes to starting a Bible study. Is that the way you feel? During the four months of our current subscription campaign we should make continuing efforts to study with persons showing interest, using the material the person has, so their faith will be built up. How can this be done?

5 A two-pronged approach would be helpful. It is appropriate to try to start a study using one of the free booklets that we leave with each subscriber, such as the *"Good News"* or *"Look!"* booklet, right on the first call. Additionally, it is good to call back on subscribers to see that they receive their subscriptions all right and to leave the new magazines. This gives us the opportunity to encourage them to read articles we feel may be of interest and also to renew our offer to help them to study the Bible.

6 Actually, we can try starting studies whether persons subscribe or not, if interest is shown. Just a few minutes are required to show them how to use our publications to study the Bible. Many appreciate simply being shown how to use their Bibles to find the answer to the question in one of the booklets on an interesting point and how the scriptures cited support it. If it does not seem appropriate to prolong the discussion, we may arrange to return at a time convenient. In this way we will be able to continue with the important work of making return visits and, especially, starting Bible studies while presenting the faith-building material in the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines to the people during this subscription campaign.

★ **Proving Our Faith to Be Alive by Works.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 12

15 min: Song 100. Introduction, text and comments, items from Theocratic News, and consideration of Question Box.

20 min: "Sharing in a Faith-building Work." Question-and-answer discussion of material. Brief demonstration based on paragraph 6. May show a publisher, who has just obtained a subscription, demonstrating how to start a study using one of the free booklets left with the subscriber. Publisher says he would like to demonstrate briefly how to get full benefit from the publications. May call attention to title on cover of booklet *"Look! I Am Making All Things New."* Explain that this is a Bible promise based on Revelation 21:5. If person is not familiar with how to locate this scripture in the Bible, hand him yours and tell him how to find it by means of the index in the Bible, letting him do it. Commend him when he finds it and explain that now he knows how to use the Bible to find important texts mentioned in the publications. Publisher continues, briefly calling attention to opening question of the booklet and showing that the answer is to be found in the paragraph. Chairman interrupts to explain that the study may be continued discussing the opening paragraphs of the booklet if the householder desires. Before leaving, the publisher should offer to return to continue the discussion, mentioning further points to be considered.

15 min: "Not on Bread Alone." (Matt. 4:4)

(2 min.) Chairman: We want to help children understand Bible, not just find answers to study material. Good to discuss key scriptures thoroughly to be sure all in family understand their meaning. When reading the Bible in connection with the Theocratic Ministry School program, take time to comment on the significance of what is read. At times it is beneficial to discuss questions or problems confronting the family or that may be raised in school. Some families find it interesting for the one taking the lead to take the opposite side of a question, raising arguments for the others to overcome Scripturally.

(12 min.) Interview several family heads on their arrangements for family study and how they prepare for the meetings. Consider (1) their study program, (2) how they try to add variety to the study arrangement to keep it interesting for younger members of the family, and (3) what they do to make the material meaningful and applicable to their family.

(1 min.) Chairman: The important thing in each case is to have a regular program for family study, one that is helpful to your family. Commend the brothers for the efforts they are making to help their families keep well-nourished spiritually.

10 min: Arrange brief presentations of current magazines for magazine work, highlighting articles appropriate to the territory. Brief mention may be made of important items from accounts report, which may be posted on the information board for further consideration. Concluding comments. Song 90.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 19

15 min: Song 94. Introduction, text and comments, and appropriate items from Announcements. Demonstrate how theme of first article in *The Watchtower* and the scripture featured therein may be used to offer the subscription.

18 min: Discussion, with questions and answers, on article "Cleanliness Brings Honor to God." Paragraphs may be read if desired.

15 min: Talk based on November 1, 1974, *Watchtower* article "What Is More Important to You?"

12 min: Concluding comments. Interview publishers on how they came into the truth or made other changes in their lives, perhaps to get into the full-time service as pioneers, because of appreciating the importance of the truth. Song 108.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 26

15 min: Song 93. Introduction, discussion of the text and highlights of Branch Letter. This could be handled as a shepherding call, bringing the *Kingdom Ministry* to publisher who is unable to get to the meeting. Material should be covered in normal conversational way in effort to mention highlights that visitor has appreciated from the material, sharing thoughts with householder, not making it a point-by-point coverage of the material.

20 min: Benefiting Spiritually from 'God's Wonderful Light.' Enthusiastic talk on *1975 Yearbook* (pp. 34-53). Can read excerpts. Stress points likely to be beneficial to local congregation, but convey the story, not dwelling long on one idea. On pages cited, can emphasize: (1) Brother Russell's action when his faith in the Bible was reestablished, and how God's spirit enlightened early Bible students about Christ's invisible presence, end of Gentile Times (pp. 34-37); (2) *The Watchtower* has Jehovah's backing and has upheld the ransom from the start (p. 38); (3) God's people knew they should preach the good news and did so (pp. 39, 40); (4) Holy spirit prompted persons to act on the truth (pp. 41, 42); (5) God's people put forth effort to attend Christian meetings and from these young and old benefited spiritually (pp. 43, 44); (6) Tract work was done industriously and tracts brought good results (pp. 45, 46); (7) Pilgrims displayed Christian qualities, and spiritual benefits resulted from their visits (pp. 48-51); (8) Society's headquarters were transferred to expand the preaching work, and Bethel family received good spiritual care, as through morning Bible discussions (pp. 51-53).

As a résumé, review with congregation how same pattern of Christian activity applies to us: (1) God's spirit still reveals truth and motivates people to act on it; (2) Faithfully preach the good news, as did the early Bible Students; (3) Attend Christian meetings regularly, for they benefit young and old spiritually; (4) Share in tract distribution and presenting the magazines, and we can expect fine results; (5) Take full advantage of circuit overseer's visit and thus benefit as God's people did when pilgrims visited; (6) Like the Bethel family, we can discuss daily Bible text, to our spiritual advantage.

12 min: Talk on material from December 1, 1974, *Watchtower*, "Is There Danger in Occult 'Charms'?" This may be handled with audience participation in reading and commenting on the scriptures.

13 min: Concluding comments. Discussion of Scriptural theme, 'Make Your Advancement Manifest.' (1 Tim. 4:15) Encourage all in congregation, including many new ones, to think about progressing spiritually. Family heads and study conductors especially could consider how to help others. (Deut. 6:7) Some might want to offer to help others get to meetings regularly, to comment, to have a part in the Ministry School, or to share in the field service if they are ready for that, taking each step progressively, giving aid to those new in the truth or young in years.—Phil. 3:13. Song 109.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 2

10 min: Song 111. Introduction, text and comments.

20 min: Why Is God's Kingdom the Theme of Our Preaching? Question-and-answer discussion of following material. Our stressing a theme helps people to remember our message. Jehovah's witnesses emphasize the theme highlighted by the Bible. (1) What does the Bible indicate that the theme of our preaching should be? How did Jesus emphasize it during his ministry? (Matt. 10:7; Luke 8:1; Matt. 6:9, 10) (2) How do the Scriptures show that the Kingdom is a heavenly government to rule over the earth? What do the Scriptures show as to the extent and duration of its rule? (Matt. 13:45, 47; Zech. 14:9; Dan. 7:13, 14) (3) Why is the Kingdom theme appropriate and timely today? (Matt. 24:14; Rev. 14:6) (4) How has Jesus already shown the power of his Kingdom rule? What will he yet do? (Rev. 12:10; 19:11, 15) (5) How can we individually go on record that the Kingdom is all-important to us? (Matt. 6:33; 13:19, 23)

18 min: Talk on "Preparing for Effective Return Visits," with supporting comments from congregation if desired. Interview one or two who conduct studies, asking them to relate or demonstrate how they got study started. Encourage publishers to think about making return visits the next time they go in the field service.

12 min: Talk on "Learning to Trust in Jehovah" from November 15, 1974, *Watchtower*. Some audience participation may be arranged if desired on consideration of scriptures. Concluding comments. Song 112.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	570	147.8	61.0	5.3	162.1
Pios.	21,404	99.8	37.2	2.9	107.6
Temp. Pios.	15,910	80.4	23.6	1.2	91.1
Pubs.	491,168	10.1	4.4	.5	15.2
TOTAL	529,052				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,819

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN OCTOBER?

During this *Awake!* campaign, 169,080 new subscriptions were obtained. Just think of the truth that will be moving out to all parts of the country, going into homes, enlightening and warning the readers throughout this coming year! Additionally, more than 11 million individual magazines were placed during the month. Excellent, indeed! Rejoice in the share you contributed toward this fine witness.

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Cleanliness Brings Honor to God

1 One of the outstanding features of the Mosaic law was its requirements regarding cleanliness. It set the nation of Israel apart as a people who, to worship their God properly, were to keep themselves physically and spiritually clean. (Ex. 30:17-21; Lev. 11:35, 36; 15:1-11; Isa. 52:11) As long as the laws were faithfully observed, the clean condition brought honor to God and contributed to the healthiness of the nation.

2 Today, too, cleanliness is a mark of Jehovah's people. Many an auditorium manager has remarked that his building was cleaner after Jehovah's witnesses had an assembly there than ever before. But, while cleanliness identifies Jehovah's people as a group, is it true of each one of us individually? Whether we are one of the many new ones associated with the congregation, whether we are young or old, our concern for neatness and cleanliness reflects our appreciation for Jehovah's Word.

3 Let's look first at our homes. We do not want them to detract from the grand message we bear, do we? It would really seem inconsistent on our part to preach to our neighbors about our future work of transforming this earth into a global paradise park, if, for example, we had a yard with unmended fences where the weeds grew profusely and it was always filled with discarded tires, broken toys and other items. Or, if when a person enters our home he is met by disagreeable odors due to lack of cleanliness, or he views a generally disorderly condition, he may feel we do not fully respect God's view on cleanliness. Money is not essential to being clean and orderly, but time and effort are.

4 And what about the automobile that we use for field service? Is it reasonably clean inside and out? Do we periodically clean our car as we should our home so that its appearance does not reflect unfavorably on the importance of the Kingdom message?

5 Perhaps, too, it would not be amiss to give thought to ourselves and our clothing. Are we neat and clean, so that we are not offensive to others? Reasonable cleanliness and hygiene can be maintained by moderate but regular washing of ourselves and our clothing.

6 But what if there is a case where a publisher is careless, becoming very dirty as to clothing, person or home, so that it really brings reproach on Jehovah and the congregation? Perhaps it is a person who, because of old age, simply needs some loving assistance to care for such things. Or perhaps the person is not aware of how he appears to others. Elders can tactfully counsel such ones, being careful not to impose arbitrary standards of cleanliness or dress on the brothers. Whether our clothing is old or new, we can be neat and clean so that when we give a witness people will pay attention to the message, not to our appearance.

7 Our Kingdom Halls are filled with newly interested people who have been invited to enjoy the spiritual feasts that are provided there. In most cases there is no reluctance about inviting an interested person to them, because they are so attractive and neat. It takes work, though, to keep them that way. As you look around your Kingdom Hall, are the walls, floor and chairs clean? Are rest rooms cleaned regularly? Can you say that you have contributed to this by helping out when it was your turn to share in the cleaning or refinishing of the Kingdom Hall? When we are in a building such as our own home or the Kingdom Hall often, we may not be inclined to note that walls are smudged or the paint is peeling, but others coming in for the first time may note these things and wonder whether their hosts are really concerned about the place to which they have invited them.

8 Without a word being spoken, we can do much to glorify God by maintaining a neat, clean personal appearance and by keeping our homes, cars and Kingdom Halls neat and clean, too. In this way we will give no cause for stumbling to those to whom we preach in the community. And our manner of life will serve as a living sermon that we are Jehovah's dedicated people, thus contributing to his praise and honor.—2 Cor. 7:1.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer, January through April: *Watchtower* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50, or subscriptions for both *Watchtower* and *Awake!* in semimonthly editions, with six booklets, for $3.00.

◆ On March 30 all congregations will schedule a special public talk on the subject "Who Is Jehovah, so that All Should Worship Him?" A manuscript will be sent to the congregations in advance, but speakers may outline that material and deliver the talk from an outline if they prefer. This talk may be given the following week if a circuit overseer's visit or circuit assembly is scheduled for March 30.

◆ The Memorial for 1975 will be held on Thursday, March 27, after 6 p.m., standard time. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250 for 25c, 500 for 50c, or 1,000 for $1. Please remit with order.

◆ After January 1, 1975, congregations may begin ordering the *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1974; 10c each. Orders will be charged to your congregation literature account.

◆ A reminder: The law requires registration of all males within a 60-day period beginning 30 days before their eighteenth birthday. Draft cards should be carried until one reaches 26 years of age.

◆ Outlines for two special talks are being prepared for use by all congregations. The titles are "Why Look to God as Your Refuge?" and "Are You Really Making Jehovah Your Stronghold?" We suggest that you set aside dates for them on your schedule of public talks for either late in April or early in May. The outlines do not need to be ordered; they will be sent in ample time.

◆ New Publications Available:
Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Serbian
Listening to the Great Teacher —Cinyanja, Kissi, Efik, Lingala, Sesotho, Swahili
Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —Cebuano, Efik, Hiligaynon, Iloko, Sesotho, Swahili, Xhosa, Yoruba, Zulu
Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook —Sesotho
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Amharic, Bulgarian
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Chinese, Lingala, Thai
Human Plans Failing as God's Purpose Succeeds —Portuguese
Living in Hope of a Righteous New Order —Kiluba

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Thai

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.
"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial" —French
Basis for Belief in a New World —Hungarian

◆ Please keep in mind that all *renewal* subscriptions are for the full rate of $1.50 per year. There is no publisher or pioneer rate on *renewals*. On each slip for a new subscription obtained by a pioneer, please mark that it was obtained by a pioneer, and on all subscriptions note whether they are for six months or one year. If subscriptions are for several years, each additional year is full rate. Please do not send the duplicate copy of the subscription slip. Send only the original along with a remittance form and exact payment to cover the subscriptions.

Suggested Presentation

The theme of the first *Watchtower* article and the scripture prominently featured in that article in each issue during the campaign may be used as a basis for discussion in house-to-house work if you find this effective and suitable for your territory.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Preparing for Effective Return Visits

[1] Making return visits on persons who are righteously disposed can be a most enjoyable and productive part of our field service. Yet many brothers feel uncertain as to just how to proceed and what to say on these return calls. It is encouraging to know that, if we make the effort in planting and watering the seeds of truth, Jehovah will bless those efforts to aid the interested person to grow spiritually.—1 Cor. 3:6-9; Acts 16:14, 15.

[2] The time to start preparing for an effective return visit is while you are still on the initial call. Make an effort to remember the person's name. Listen carefully to his comments to see what is of interest to him, if he is a religious person or not, what church he belongs to, what you discuss that seems to be of interest to him. Perhaps he remarks that he would like to see the earth become a paradise but does not see how it will ever take place. Or he may say that he will never live to see it happen. Such points give us a lead on how to approach the person the next time we call.

[3] So take time, when the call is concluded and before you forget, to make a notation of the householder's name and other points that you feel would be helpful to you when calling back. For example, what do you know about him or about his family? He may tell you that some member of the family is sick, or comment on some problem the family is facing. When you return, ask about the person's health or the problem he mentioned. In this way you show your warm personal interest in him and his family, and he can see that your concern for his eternal welfare is genuine. This may help to open the door for a further discussion on a friendly basis. Similarly, if we can show how our message will be helpful or applicable to the householder, it may help him to appreciate its importance in his life.

[4] There are some "dos" and "don'ts" about making return visits. When you make the return call it is not good, as a rule, to ask the householder if he remembers you, as this may embarrass him. It is usually better just to tell him who you are and that you have kept your promise to return. If you made an appointment for a time to call but did not find him home, there is no need to question him as to what happened, but simply let him know that you are glad to find him home again so you can resume your discussion. Similarly, it is usually not a good thing to ask the householder if he read the literature you left, as he may feel uncomfortable to say that he did not have time for it. Rather, it is a more positive approach to mention a point of interest and tell him that you would like to spend just a few minutes discussing the matter.

[5] Still the question arises, What should you say now? We can be thankful that the publications we have make it so easy to make return visits, usually with a view to starting a Bible study. You know which publication the householder has that would be appropriate for use in a demonstration study, so you may plan accordingly. You may say, "If you have just a moment, I would like to show you how we study the Bible and see what you think of it." Invite him to get his book or booklet and the Bible and show him how easy it is to find answers to important questions right from the Bible itself by using the Society's publications. Let the publications speak for themselves as you consider the question, find the answer, check the scripture and read the comment from the paragraph. In this way return visits are not difficult but most enjoyable.

[6] For special questions we have the *Sermon Outlines* booklet and *"Make Sure of All Things,"* which provide ready Scriptural answers to most questions that arise. Some publishers find it good simply to make a note of questions asked and tell the householder that they would like to do a little research on these points and then visit again to share the information they have found, thus making the return visit far more effective. All are encouraged to share in this most enjoyable work, so start planning now to make some return visits the next time you share in field service.—2 Cor. 3:5.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Ghana had about 2,000 publishers by the end of the 1949 service year. Today? They rejoice with over 20,000!**

◆ **New consecutive publisher peaks: Laos, its 3rd (71); Thailand, its 4th (585), and Ivory Coast, its 15th (878).**

◆ **Brothers in Ecuador are happy that at their two "Divine Purpose" Assemblies they had an attendance of 11,008—more than twice the number of publishers!**

◆ **At the beginning of 1973, Hong Kong had 270 publishers. Hong Kong's new peak is 376 publishers.**

◆ **During October the brothers in Brazil obtained 67,250 subscriptions—over 22,000 more than the previous October.**

◆ **The Netherlands reported a new peak of 27,489 publishers.**

Question Box

● Is your congregation getting the benefits that result from the sharing of service privileges with all capable, qualified brothers who are associated?

Upon the shoulders of the elders falls the heavy responsibility of teaching. That is why they are generally the ones to whom such assignments as conducting the congregation book study and delivering public talks and instruction talks are given. However, this does not mean that capable ministerial servants could not handle some of these same responsibilities. The use of these brothers will depend upon the need for their services and their ability to teach. It is often very practical for elders to have the help of ministerial servants in such teaching.

For example, the *Organization* book on page 81 explains that it is advantageous to have elders conduct book studies because teaching is involved, perhaps even taking more than one study if circumstances permit. But it also states: "If more book study conductors are needed, the local body of elders may request certain ministerial servants who give evidence of teaching ability to serve as substitute conductors, until such time as an elder is available." This provision helps to keep the elders from becoming so occupied with caring for several studies that they cannot give proper attention to other responsibilities and aspects of congregational needs.

Similarly, it is good not to overlook the possibility of getting help from capable brothers newly arrived in the congregation. Thus, if a brother who has been appointed as an elder or a ministerial servant elsewhere moves into another congregation, it is not always necessary to wait a number of months to get acquainted with him. Rather, the elders would do well promptly to dispatch a letter to the elders of the congregation that the brother came from to get their comments on his qualifications and their recommendations. If their recommendation is favorable and the elders of the congregation where he now associates are satisfied that he qualifies, a recommendation may be submitted to the governing body. In the meantime the local body of elders can determine how the brother can be used to assist the congregation.

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FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEBRUARY 1975 "I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2. VOL. XVIII NO. 2

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

The Bethel family is really having many blessings. Every morning at the breakfast table we have been reading from the new *Yearbook,* and thoroughly enjoying it. Besides that, in connection with our family study on Monday evening, we are all having the privilege of benefiting from the study material provided for elders who attend the Kingdom Ministry School.

Already work is under way here in preparation for the special activity in April. We have had a peek at the material for the special issue of *Awake!* for April 8. It features the timely subject "The Answer to Mankind's Problems." And the April 15 issue of *The Watchtower* will carry the special public talk that is to be given on March 30 on the subject "'Who Is Jehovah,' so that All Should Worship Him?" Both of these magazines are to be given wide distribution.

A special distribution is planned in connection with the April 15 issue of *The Watchtower*. Many people with whom we conduct Bible studies will have heard the public talk and may wish they could share the information with others. The Society would like to make a gift of three free copies of that issue of *The Watchtower* to each individual or household with whom a Bible study is being conducted, with the encouragement for them to give those magazines to other persons who they believe will read them. You do not need to order these additional copies of the magazines for those with whom you conduct Bible studies; the Society will consign them. But be sure to order extra copies for your own use in the field service.

It is a pleasure for us here at Bethel to be working alongside you as we all continue to make advancement in our service to God.

Be assured of our warm Christian love.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

A People on the Move

New Peak—554,257 Publishers!

1 Jehovah's organization is on the move. This is evident in many ways: Its understanding of God's Word grows brighter year by year. The way the congregations function has been brought into closer conformity with the Scriptures. And, as foretold in the Bible, the rate of ingathering of new disciples has been tremendously accelerated; another new peak, 554,257 publishers, reported in the United States in November!—Isa. 60:17, 22.

2 What about us as individuals? Are we moving ahead with the organization? It surely is what all of us want to do. (1 Tim. 4:15) If we are newly associated, this means reaching forward toward Christian maturity. "Maturity" comes from a Greek word that means full-grown, complete. It involves acceptance of the *full range* of Christian truth. It means no longer holding back in any way with respect to pure worship. It also involves experience, that is, learning "to distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:14) Those who are mature are not always asking someone else to make decisions that they should be making for themselves. (Gal. 6:5) But does this mean that a mature person has all the answers? No. A mature person continues to learn and to apply God's Word. Thus maturity, instead of marking the end of progress, makes it easier to move ahead with Jehovah's organization.

3 From a spiritual point of view, are you on the move with your brothers and sisters throughout the earth? In many respects, no doubt, you are. But are there areas in your life needing further attention, such as personal study and commenting at meetings? What about the matter of making greater application of Jehovah's Word in the day-to-day affairs of life? This is something that offers opportunities for progress for all of us, isn't it?

4 Can you also see evidence of progress in your personal field service? All who have continued to share in it over a period of time with reliance on Jehovah can see such advancement. But perhaps you discern that there are more forward steps that you personally could take. For example, do you actually use the Scriptures in your field service when appropriate? During the *Watchtower* campaign you will find helpful in this regard the prominently featured scripture in the first article of each issue of *The Watchtower*.

5 If you are sharing in the house-to-house service, is there still room for advancement? Well, are you calling back to instruct those who, in some way, manifest interest in the good news? Rarely does anyone simply read a piece of literature that has been placed with him and, without any personal help, begin attending meetings and sharing in the field service. Rather, is it not necessary to return and regularly visit the individual to help him to progress to spiritual maturity? We encourage you, with full reliance on Jehovah, to share regularly in this work. Perhaps you are making return visits on your placements and expired-subscription slips. Do you also study with interested persons? This should be our goal. It is not difficult. More than anything else, it requires a willingness to be used by Jehovah in this manner, coupled with preparation.

6 When we think back on what our lives were before we learned the truth, we realize that, because we have responded to Jehovah's loving encouragement, every one of us has certainly moved ahead. And we want to continue to do so, right on into his new order, now so near.

★ Maintain Christian Maturity by Constant Advancement. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 9

13 min: Song 105. Introductory comments based on article "Jehovah's Witnesses Move Ahead in Canada," from January 15 *Watchtower*. Include also brief comments about what is being done locally. Invite those who are studying and who desire to start in field service to make that known; help will be provided. Tie in day's text.

15 min: Singing as a Part of Our Worship. Discuss January 1 *Watchtower* article "Expressing Appreciation in Song." Encourage all to share in heartfelt congregation singing. Actually sing together a couple of stanzas of Song 110.

20 min: "A People on the Move." Questions and answers. With paragraph 4, demonstrate suggested presentation, including subscription offer. With paragraph 5, have demonstration showing experienced publisher encouraging newer one to make return visits; they plan together what to do and what to say.

12 min: Concluding comments. Comment briefly on congregation accounts; commend congregation for generosity; tell them that details of report will be on information board. Encourage all to order special magazines for April, as discussed in Branch Letter. Comment also on fourth item under Announcements. Ask audience: What did you learn this evening? Song 63.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 16

Aiding Unbelieving Relatives to Appreciate the Good News

15 min: Song 115. In introductory remarks read and comment briefly on John 1:40, 41. Then discuss, with audience participation, the article "Loving Concern for Unbelieving Relatives."

25 min: What Would You Do?

One or two publishers approach elder, saying that they want to help unbelieving relatives to learn the truth, but are not having much success. Elder suggests they get ideas from audience, many of whom have had personal experience. (Cover the following points; in some cases present the problem in the form of a very brief demonstration, and then ask for suggestions. Avoid making rules.) (1) When housewife becomes a Witness, what changes take place in the way she uses her time? Why might this cause resentment on part of husband? What can be done to keep mate from feeling left out? (Apply this also to situation when man accepts truth but not his wife.) (w71 pp. 204-206, 210) (2) If unbelieving husband does things that are unscriptural, what might be the effect if wife scolded him, telling him that Jehovah does not approve of what he does? What might it be better to say when confronted with these situations? (w71 p. 207) (3) What suggestions do you have as to how a believer might share the Bible's message with an unbelieving mate? (w71 pp. 208, 211) (4) What can young folks do to help unbelieving parents to appreciate the truth? (w71 p. 213; *yb*71 p. 277 ¶3) (5) If a widow or a divorcée has teenage children when she learns the truth and they do not want to give up worldly habits and go to meetings, what can she do? (In commenting on use of *Yearbook* at home, mention briefly what text for today is.) (w62 pp. 211, 212) (6) Perhaps you want to write a letter to an uncle or a cousin or someone else whom you have not seen for years to witness to him. What could you say? (7) What can be done to share the truth with grandchildren or nephews or nieces whose parents are not responsive to truth? (8) Which of the Society's publications might you first give to a relative whom you want to help? How do you determine this?

20 min: How Results Have Been Obtained.

Interview some in congregation who formerly were unbelieving relatives. Ask how they reacted to various efforts to witness to them. What was it that finally helped them to see the truth?

As time permits, relate (or have someone in audience relate) some of the following experiences: *yb*75 p. 8 ¶2; w71 p. 206; *yb*71 p. 76 ¶1, p. 120 ¶1, p. 228 ¶2, p. 317 ¶2; *yb*70 p. 146 ¶2, p. 154 ¶1, p. 196 ¶1; *yb*69 p. 280 ¶1. With each, emphasize the method used.

Encourage publishers to tell elders if unbelieving family members are ill for an extended period or are in the hospital; they might be encouraged by a show of kindly interest on the part of some in congregation.

Concluding comments. Ask audience: What did you learn this evening? How do you plan to use it? (Mention that when a subscription slip is marked "Gift," the Society always sends a letter to the recipient to tell him who made the gift. Such subscriptions can be sent to others besides relatives.) Song 61.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 23

15 min: Song 78. In opening remarks, quote latter part of 1 John 5:4. Then ask audience to comment on these questions: What is faith? What foundation must true faith have? How can we strengthen our faith? What reason is there for faith that God will bless our efforts to obtain material necessities? Why do we have faith that God's promises concerning the New Order will really be fulfilled? (See *Aid*, pp. 561, 562; *"Make Sure,"* pp. 184-189. Bible or *"Make Sure"* may be used to answer questions.) Brief remark showing how day's text contributes to our faith.

20 min: Zealously Declaring the Good News Despite Difficulties. Pose questions designed to promote discussion of *1975 Yearbook*, pp. 53-71. Answers to be given from memory or brief notes by panel of brothers and sisters, who also relate incidents reported in *Yearbook* as time permits. Cannot mention every detail, but cover the story and highlight points most likely to aid local congregation. On pages cited, can ask: (1) How did Brother Russell declare the good news on the public platform? Should importance be attached to him as a man? (P. 54) (2) Recount one of Russell's noted debates. Is debating a preferred way to present the good news? (Pp. 54-56) (3) What spirit did Jehovah's people display during early conventions? (Pp. 57, 58) (4) What was the "Photo-Drama of Creation"? How did it prove to be an excellent way to declare the good news? (Pp. 58-60) (5) Who were the colporteurs, and how did Jehovah care for them? Did they face any difficulties? Tell us something about their activities in declaring the good news. (Pp. 61-64) (6) Difficulties experienced by Brother Russell included what domestic problems? Were the Russells ever divorced? Did Mrs. Russell charge her husband with adultery? During such difficulties, how did Jehovah aid and use Brother Russell? Should we expect to be maligned? (Pp. 65-71)

15 min: "Opportunities That Are Open." Audience participation. Include some local experiences showing why, how and when some have shared in temporary pioneer service. Encourage temporary pioneering.

10 min: Concluding comments. Report on number of subscriptions obtained to date. Comment on fifth item under Announcements. Ask: What did you learn this evening? How do you plan to use it? Song 109.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 2

Develop Your Ability to Use the Bible

20 min: Song 20. Using the Bible Skillfully as a Family Head. Chairman: Discuss theme of entire meeting, using 2 Timothy 3:16.

Set scene for handling family problems. Mother tells father children seeking bad company. Children indifferent.

Chairman asks audience for suggestions as to how it could be handled differently.

Father now proceeds, using Bible to instruct children's hearts. Has son read 1 Cor. 15:33 and explain. Asks why Jehovah gave principle. Do they know children who had difficulty due to bad associations? Children cite example. (Read together Genesis 34:1, 2.) Then father comments on 2 Timothy 2:22 and Jude 16. Father explains Jehovah's commands for our good, a protection like a fence to keep harm away. Father builds appreciation for Jehovah's loving care.

Chairman asks audience what may happen if parent reaches minds only and not hearts. When tempted, heart may lead in wrong course. (Jer. 17:9) But what happens if minds and hearts are unified when one is tempted? There is little doubt that they will do Jehovah's will. To offer such specific instruction requires preparation, using the *Aid* book, *Watch Tower Publications Indexes*, talking to others, such as elders, and perhaps those who have solved family problems successfully.

20 min: Presenting the Good News. Questions and answers. On paragraph 5 invite audience to write the three headings and three scriptures on a slip of paper to carry in the Bible. Some may want to write in their Bibles. Allow time for this. Encourage them to do so *neatly*; an excessively marked or messy Bible is not desirable for use in field service. Also take time to demonstrate what to do when householder changes subject. Publisher begins talking about Kingdom. Householder asks if God really cares about us. Chairman stops publisher and asks what he will do. Publisher states he has scripture on that subject noted down. While turning to it, he plans to ask householder what his own views are. Proceed with witness. Highlight benefits of marking scriptures under brief topics in Bible.

10 min: Using the Concordance in Your Bible Effectively. Chairman uses following texts or others he may select and has brothers try to find their location by using concordance in Bible. This can aid in finding them quickly. Chairman reads each text with audience, isolates main word or words and together find it in concordance: Deut. 30:19 (Choose); Ps. 55:22 (Burden); Prov. 27:11 (Wise); Jonah 2:2 (Sheol; have audience look up "Hell" first); John 14:28 (Greater).

10 min: Concluding comments. Ask audience to name benefits of using Bible itself in field service, also when counseling children. Song 89.

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Loving Concern for Unbelieving Relatives

1 Among the 297,872 who were baptized last year, many were the relatives of persons who had earlier become Jehovah's witnesses. There is no question about it, people usually listen much more readily to someone they know than to a stranger who comes to their door. Are we taking full advantage of that fact to help our relatives?

2 Who is there to consider? Certainly those in our own households; also parents and children who no longer live in the same house. And what about grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and others? Perhaps you recall that among Jesus' apostles were three—the sons of Zebedee and the son of Alphaeus—who evidently were his cousins. Obviously he had witnessed to them.

3 But maybe you have tried to share the good news with your relatives and had little success. Similarly, Jesus' brothers were "not exercising faith in him" even three years after his baptism. (John 7:5) Yet Jesus did not quit trying to help them. Evidently it was to his half brother James that Jesus appeared even after his resurrection, and with good results. (1 Cor. 15:7; Jas. 1:1) Not everyone will respond favorably, to be sure. But is it possible that further efforts to aid certain ones of your relatives would bear good fruit?

4 There are many ways to go about it. Letters can be written; personal visits might be made. Making available the Society's literature that discusses points of interest to them is beneficial. Gift subscriptions for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* could be sent. Sometimes direct Bible discussions are what are needed. On the other

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NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	567	147.9	55.3	5.3	125.5
Pios.	21,044	96.5	32.7	2.9	82.0
Temp. Pios.	13,443	75.4	18.2	1.1	60.4
Pubs.	519,203	10.9	3.7	.4	11.4
TOTAL	554,257				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 5,825

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN NOVEMBER?

In addition to reaching a fine new peak in publishers during November, the grand total of 5,825 were baptized. This brings the total immersed this service year to 15,000. Last year for the same period of time there were 14,025. Thus we are enjoying a 7-percent increase in the number baptized so far this service year. How thrilling it is for all of us to be having a share in Kingdom-preaching and the disciple-making work!

Opportunities That Are Open

1 There is a fine spirit among Jehovah's people, a willingness to serve. (Ps. 110:3) So it is not unusual to hear someone ask, What opportunities are there for me to enlarge my service to Jehovah?

2 There are many opportunities, involving every aspect of our Christian lives. We cannot cover them all here, but let's briefly discuss the field service, which is a vital part of our worship. We all know that we are to serve Jehovah whole-souled, but, of course, we as souls differ one from the other. (Luke 10:25-27) Not all have the same health and strength; nor do all have the same family responsibilities. Nevertheless, a willing heart will move us to share as fully as our circumstances permit in preaching the good news to others. It is good to consider personally and prayerfully the opportunities that are open.

3 Last year, in the United States, on an average, 15,880 reported each month as temporary pioneers. Were you one of them? Could you be this year? What about during March, April or May, when much special activity is planned? Could you do it at vacation time? To qualify, you must be baptized and have a reputation for good Christian conduct. You should also have plans made that will enable you to devote 100 hours to the field service during the month, or 75 hours for the month if you plan to pioneer for two weeks. To enroll, simply ask one of the local elders for an application. With good planning, you will find temporary pioneering to be spiritually refreshing! We encourage you to do it often.

4 Thousands are able to pioneer month after month, devoting 1,200 hours to the field service during the year, and, of course, the regular pioneer service is open to them. Did you know that in Japan, over 25 percent of all our brothers and sisters are in some branch of the pioneer service every month? In Hawaii, 17 percent. Are there more of us for whom whole-souled service might include being a pioneer? If you will be graduating from high school in a few months, now is the time to start thinking about what you are going to do afterward. Study carefully what the *Organization* book says about regular pioneer service. Personally assess the prospects. Talk to your circuit overseer and others who are making a success of pioneering. Then, if you realize that this is an opportunity that can be yours, take hold of it, looking to Jehovah to bless your efforts.

5 Of course, some who wish that they could pioneer may not be able to do so. But could they set aside 30, 40 or 50 hours each month for field service? Then why not seize hold of the opportunity to share to that extent in the grand work that Jehovah has given us to do?

6 Some have inquired about opportunities for special pioneer service. What does this involve? It is open to those who are already regular pioneers, ones who are able to move to any territory where they might be assigned. Much of the need is for brothers and married couples in the colder north-central states. They agree to devote 150 hours to the field service each month, and, since their work is to develop interest in seldom-worked territory, they need to be effective in conducting Bible studies. If you are in position to share in this

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Announcements

◆ Literature offer for March and April: *Watchtower* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50, or subscriptions for both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, with six booklets, for $3.00.

◆ On Saturday, April 12, the Bethel home and factory will be closed for spring cleaning; so there will be no arrangement for tours on that day.

◆ Do you have a copy of *Sermon Outlines* in your Bible for use in field service? We recommend that you do so. The Society has an ample supply. They are 5 cents each.

◆ The March 1 issue of *The Watchtower* is a special one, the entire magazine featuring the subject "The Bible—a Book from God or from Man?" If you can use additional copies for distribution, please order them now.

◆ It is a pleasure to report that the ban on the *Watchtower* magazine has now been lifted in France. Subscriptions in all languages for persons in France may be sent to the Society in the regular manner.

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, Pocket Edition (bi24) —English
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Arabic, Italian
Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook —Portuguese

◆ Three copies of the new *Watchtower Cost List* have been sent to each congregation. Presiding overseers, field overseers, as well as those caring for literature and accounts should carefully read the revised information regarding "Cash Items" in paragraphs 21 and 22.

Suggested Presentation

You may use as a subject the title of the opening article in *The Watchtower*. Read the scripture prominently featured in that article.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Making Use of the Bible

¹ One of the things that was so striking about the ministry of Jesus and his apostles was their constant use of the Scriptures. (John 7:16; Acts 17:2) Wisely we too endeavor to copy this example. But, on a personal basis, are you able to use the Bible as effectively as you would like? Aside from personal or family study, how can we get better acquainted with the Bible?

² One way is to use it more during our meetings. For example, during the public talk, do you personally look up the scriptures mentioned by the speaker? If you do, and read them as he does, they will make a more lasting impression on your mind. Also, if you do something to aid in locating again key scriptures that you believe will be helpful at a later time, you will improve your ability to make use of the Bible. You may find it helpful to make some notes on a slip of paper to keep in your Bible. Or, during the meeting you may want to circle a verse number or perhaps *neatly* underline a *key word* that conveys the basic idea of the scripture so you will be able to find it again.

³ It is not difficult to use the Bible when making return visits. You could begin your presentation by mentioning that you have an interesting point to bring to the householder's attention and ask if he has his Bible handy. You may choose to read from the book you left with him, looking up the scriptures together even if quoted. Doing this initially will build confidence in the publication.

⁴ If the householder does not know how to find scriptures in his Bible, why not help him? Show him the alphabetical index of Bible books and the use of the bold-faced chapter numbers with smaller verse numbers. If the householder is reluctant to use the Bible, or other circumstances make it advisable, simply discuss the subject, paraphrasing the scriptures.

⁵ But what can you do when the householder asks a question not answered by your presentation? If you reply by first asking how he feels about it, this will give you time to locate an appropriate scripture. Some publishers have a copy of *Sermon Outlines* fastened in the back of their Bible and refer to it when answering questions. If you do not have one, why not obtain a copy and see if it does not aid you as well. Certain questions usually arise more frequently than others. Preparation for these might include marking down, either in personal study or at a meeting, scriptures that you would like to use in answer. With each text, note clearly the subject involved. Some publishers do this in a notebook, on a slip of paper carried in the Bible or on the front or back endsheet of their Bible. If it will help you, you may want to do that with the following: *"God is not dead—2 Pet. 3:9"; "World conditions—2 Tim. 3:1-5"; "Sickness—Rev. 21:4,"* etc. Then, whenever these topics come up, you will have a fitting scripture.

⁶ It will not be difficult to make good use of your Bible in the field service if you make good use of it at meetings and in your personal study.—1 Tim. 4:16.

Opportunities That Are Open (*Cont'd*)

service, you may make that known to your circuit overseer.

⁷ Be realistic in your planning. In view of the world's present economic situation, those who are special pioneers usually need savings on which they can draw or some manner of income that will not be very time-consuming, to supplement the modest monthly allowance of $50 (plus a maximum of $15 for travel), which is provided by the Society on request. Those who need to do regular secular work to support themselves may also volunteer to serve in these areas where there is specially great need, but they may decide that it would be better to do so as regular pioneers or as congregation publishers.

⁸ There is still preaching and disciple-making work to be done, and the time is limited. But the opportunities open are varied. What could be a greater privilege than serving as witnesses for the Sovereign of the universe and as publicity agents for his grand Messianic kingdom? Now is the time to take full advantage of the opportunities within your reach.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ A little over two years ago Italy had 25,000 publishers. Now it has 45,866!

◆ The 746 publishers in Burma rejoiced in having at their two "Divine Purpose" Assemblies an attendance of 1,031.

◆ In November 1970, Haiti reported a peak of 2,083 publishers. Now, 3,183.

Question Box

● To what extent may ministerial servants be assigned to care for parts on the platform in congregation meetings?

There are many things that they can be invited to do, depending on local needs and their personal ability. Some who do well on the platform may be assigned as chairmen at public meetings. Any who are fluent readers, having good pronunciation and sense stress, may be invited to read at the *Watchtower* study. Ministerial servants may present appropriate portions on service meetings. Certain ones who have cultivated good ability as teachers from the platform may be asked to give instruction talks. Those who demonstrate notable teaching ability and who can hold the interest of an audience for longer talks may be invited to give public talks in their home congregation; and even in other congregations, if specific request is made for them to do so.

Of course, one's being a ministerial servant does not automatically qualify one for these assignments. Much depends on the abilities that he has cultivated and the needs of the local congregation.

It is beneficial to have a variety of brothers serve the congregation from the platform, where this is possible. But quality of instruction should not be unduly sacrificed in doing so. Nevertheless, the fact is that many ministerial servants are fine speakers and it would be appropriate to make good use of their abilities on the meetings.

Unbelieving Relatives (*Cont'd*)

hand, in dealing with an unbelieving husband, the apostle Peter recommended, not a lot of arguments to prove that he is wrong, but fine conduct together with "deep respect" on the part of the wife. —1 Pet. 3:1, 2.

⁵ In like manner, when other publishers visit the home, in some cases it is better not to start preaching, but just to be friendly, to get acquainted. It may be possible to relate experiences without making the other person feel that he is being preached to. Of course, if questions are asked, answer them. Use discernment, and when you feel it is appropriate, whether on the first visit or later, offer to study regularly with the unbeliever.

⁶ Think about the possibilities. Discuss these with others. And pray for Jehovah's direction as you seek to locate, among the relatives of those already in the congregation, others whose hearts will respond to the good news.

★ Aid Your Relatives to Put Faith in Jehovah. ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MARCH 1975 "I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2. VOL. XVIII NO. 3

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Have you heard the latest news? Remember, back in July your congregation received a letter about the possibility of the Society's buying much-needed property to house more members of the Bethel family. Well, the Society bought this property—the Towers Hotel building—on January 17. A picture of this large building appears on the first endsheet of the *1975 Yearbook.* Eventually it may house some 1,000 members of the Bethel family.

In recent weeks the Bethel family has been delighted with letters from Brother Knorr about his zone visits while on an around-the-world trip with Brother F. W. Franz. In connection with these visits special meetings have been held. In Portugal, for example, the brothers had two large gatherings with a combined attendance of 46,870. Imagine the joy of the brothers there in being able to sing and pray publicly for the first time! Just three days before the first of those meetings, Jehovah's Christian witnesses were granted legal recognition there.

From Brother Knorr's reports we have learned that things are really moving ahead in many lands. In Germany, excavation has begun on a new Bethel home, and a recently purchased factory building is being cleaned and remodeled. Arrangements were made to enlarge the branches in Switzerland and Italy. And a new Bethel home, factory and office are being planned for Greece.

The brothers in Greece are very happy now that the government is allowing them to have public meetings. Brothers Franz and Knorr were overjoyed to be able to address a combined audience of 11,644 during five meetings held there.

Several other brothers from Brooklyn Bethel have been making zone visits in Africa and in South and Central America. It has been most encouraging to receive firsthand reports from these areas. During zone visits in January, the Chile branch dedicated a new printery, and the Ecuador branch dedicated a new two-story addition.

Indeed, marvelous things are happening. May all of us continue to be faithful in helping many more people to benefit fully from Jehovah's mercy.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Imitate Our Merciful God

1 How blessed we are to worship and serve a merciful God. (Ps. 145:8, 9) We live because He permitted the human race descended from Adam to come into existence and to benefit from His generous provisions for sustaining life in spite of their sinful condition. (Matt. 5:45; Luke 6:35, 36; Acts 17:24, 25) Jehovah God also mercifully provided the basis for liberating us from sin and death. —1 John 2:2.

2 He "does not desire any to be destroyed but desires all to attain to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9) Our imitating Jehovah's merciful patience requires that we have real concern for the people in our territory, engaging in preaching, not merely as a routine, but with an earnest desire to give all an opportunity to hear the truth. This is certainly what we want to be doing in the month of March, do we not?

3 One way in which we can show merciful concern for others is by making good use of *The Watchtower*. That magazine can be instrumental in opening up people's hearts to respond to the truth. Many need to have their faith in the dependability of God's Word strengthened. The March 1 *Watchtower,* with its fine discussion on the inspiration and value of the Bible, is just what they need. Others are discouraged by the injustices they see. Would they not be built up by the March 15 *Watchtower* article "Life Free from Injustice—Is It Just a Dream?" You may also find the section "Insight on the News" helpful in arousing interest in what the Bible says about world events. What fine material we can point to in making the subscription offer! Because we deeply care about the people in our territory, we want to help them to see how beneficial it would be for them to receive the magazines on a subscription basis.

4 Because of our merciful concern for others, we should want to keep accurate and complete house-to-house records. This will enable us to make return visits, showing that we really care about those who have shown some interest. When making a return visit, you might start a Scriptural conversation, perhaps based on an article contained in a magazine you placed, and then offer a subscription. Even when no placements were made but interest was shown, on returning you could center your conversation on printed information that may be of interest to the householder and endeavor to start a Bible study.

5 We also want to have in mind encouraging as many as possible to be present for the Memorial of Christ's death on March 27. It would be spiritually upbuilding for those in the territory to visit the Kingdom Hall that evening and have the opportunity to meditate on Jesus Christ's role as a ransomer and on Jehovah's great love for mankind. Being with us on that important occasion, they may be motivated to leave "Babylon the Great" and to show appreciation for God's mercy toward them. You may wish to spend a day just inviting Bible students and other interested persons to attend the Memorial. And how good it would be if, as a result of your invitation, you would be able to welcome some of these interested persons at the Kingdom Hall.

6 The month of March will end with the timely special public talk "'Who Is Jehovah,' so that All Should Worship Him?" This is cer-

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★ **Imitate God by Showing Mercy for Mankind.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING MARCH 9

10 min: Song 25. Comment on the merciful attitude of early Christians as shown in the preaching work—their concern for people and their desire to honor God. (Rom. 9:1-3; 10:9-14; 2 Cor. 5:20; 1 Thess. 2:8)

18 min: "Imitate Our Merciful God." Questions and answers. (If appropriate to your theme, use daily text.) Demonstrate subscription offer, one publisher using the first article in *The Watchtower* and another, "Insight on the News."

22 min: "Jehovah Will Not Desert His People." Consideration of *1975 Yearbook,* p. 71, par. 3, to p. 94, par. 2. Cannot cover every detail. An elder discusses the following material with a prepared panel on the platform. Emphasize points shown here in brackets, and highlight Jehovah's mercy to his people and our need to imitate him. (1 Sam. 12:22) Can ask: (1) What unfulfilled expectation did some of God's people have regarding 1914? (Pp. 72-74) (2) Disappointments about going to heaven in 1914 were very minor compared with what fulfilled expectation? (Pp. 74-76) [Jehovah mercifully upholds his people despite disappointments.] (3) How did Brother Russell view the future? (Pp. 76, 77) [Be steadfast.] (4) When and under what circumstances did C. T. Russell die? (Pp. 78, 79) (5) After Brother Russell's death, what attitude did Brothers Macmillan, Rutherford and Van Amburgh display regarding the Kingdom-preaching work? (Pp. 79-81) [This is not man's work, but God's; our dedication is to him.] (6) What was the "Pastoral Work"? (Pp. 85, 86) (7) What was the V. D. M. arrangement, and what purpose did it serve in connection with public speakers? (Pp. 86, 87) [Jehovah always makes adequate spiritual provisions for his people.] (8) What was *The Finished Mystery,* and how did a few persons react to its initial release? (Pp. 90, 91) (9) How were some congregations affected by the smooth talk of those who had abandoned true worship, but what finally happened to such opposers? (Pp. 92-94) (10) Did many forsake true Christianity during 1917 and 1918? (P. 94) [In the face of intense opposition and persecution, Jehovah never will desert his people.]

10 min: Concluding comments. Share key thoughts from Branch Letter. Point out need to demonstrate mercy by zealous participation in field service. Encourage use of presentations learned. Song 41.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 16

10 min: Song 83. Have audience identify the "faithful and discreet slave" and how that one provides food in due season. (*Organization* book, pp. 8-10) Illustrate benefits of considering the daily text regularly.

18 min: "The Refreshing Quality of Reasonableness." Questions and answers. Encourage all to cultivate reasonableness at home, in the congregation and in their daily lives. Conclude with comments on Question Box. Help publishers to have the right attitude toward those publicly reproved. Repentant erring ones are brothers needing help and encouragement. They should not be looked down upon as persons to be shunned by the congregation. Point out that such counsel from "faithful and discreet slave" results in benefits.

20 min: Talk by an elder on "Anointing to a Heavenly Hope—How Is It Manifest?" (*Watchtower,* February 15, 1975) Briefly reemphasize point made in introduction of meeting that anointed as a class make up "faithful and discreet slave."

12 min: Concluding comments. Discuss arrangements for Memorial and special talk; encourage all to review house-to-house records and invite interested persons to attend. Song 97.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 23

Memorial. As to the service meeting, arrange what appears to be best locally.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 30

15 min: Song 117. Stimulating talk based on 1974 *Watchtower,* p. 121, par. 6; p. 123, par. 14, to p. 125, par. 23. Emphasize being concerned about all sorts of men.

20 min: Reach All Who Will Hear. Use an appropriate item from Theocratic News, also show what has been accomplished locally in preaching. Inform congregation about territory coverage and problems encountered (not-at-homes, dwellings where admittance is refused, limited territory, etc.). Interview capable publishers, asking them how they have been able to reach as many people as possible. (Keeping and following through on house-to-house record; calling at different times of day, including evenings; using phone; writing letters; leaving older magazines; trying to talk to various family members; explaining work to doormen and superintendents. Stress being considerate. [Col. 4:6; 1 Pet. 3:15] Might relate one or two experiences to illustrate good results.)

15 min: Presenting the Good News. Questions and answers. Demonstrate how to lay basis for return visits.

10 min: Concluding comments. Briefly comment on congregation accounts; details may be posted on information board. Stress special distribution of the April 15 *Watchtower*. Those conducting Bible studies will receive from the Bible study overseer three free copies of that issue for each study reported. These magazines will not be counted as placements by the publisher. Encourage the students to give them, free of charge, to neighbors, relatives, friends or others. Unless already publishing, they need not turn in a field service report. If they desire, they may receive additional magazines at publisher rate. Song 34.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 6

How Can We Help One Another?

10 min: Song 85. Discuss effect of critical days on us. Whether new in the truth or not, all may face economic problems, sickness, discouragement, etc. There is a need to help one another; it is part of our worship. (Jas. 1:27)

15 min: "Be Concerned About New Brothers." Father reviews article with wife and teen-age children. Applies key points to local congregation. Asks: What problems may new ones face in our congregation? How might each one in the family encourage someone else? Why should we be considerate?

25 min: How Can We Help Our Brothers? Show vital role mercy plays in true worship. When seeing serious need of brothers, more required than merely expressing wish or even the faith that "things will work out all right." True worship moves us to *act* on their behalf. Read James 2:14-17 and then consider the following situations with the audience: (1) What could be done if a brother comes into great material need for reasons beyond his control, such as being out of work for an extended period or having to meet unexpected medical expenses? (*w* 9/15/74, p. 570; *Organization* book, p. 149, par. 3) Show brothers how to avail themselves of governmental help. (Illustrate with relief measures for Malawian brothers in refugee camps. [yb75, p. 9] After leaving Malawi much of their clothing wore out, and many had no money to buy new things. South African brothers responded, mailing parcels to camps. This proved very costly, but brothers in South Africa were willing to bear cost themselves. Relief funds contributed by brothers world wide were used too. Also, you may relate how brothers in Germany shared scant bread rations, often just crumbs. [yb74, p. 176] Would we be willing to do that?) (2) If one of our brothers is sick, how could we show mercy to him? (*w* 9/15/74, p. 570) Situations that could come up are: The mother may be in the hospital and the father may be working. Who will care for the children? An elderly sister living by herself may get very sick. (3) In the event a publisher dies, how could members of the congregation assist the rest of the family? (*w* 9/15/70, p. 576; also show ways to help those who are lonely, in need of work, etc. [*Awake!*, 2/8/69, pp. 11, 12]) (4) When pressure from workmates, relatives or former friends tends to dishearten our brothers, what encouragement could be offered? (*w* 2/15/68, p. 119, under "Personal Visits," and *w* 9/1/68, pp. 529, 530. Might point out briefly how daily text could be used to give encouragement.)

10 min: Concluding comments. Mention benefits of being united and interested in one another. We are living in critical days. (2 Tim. 3:1) Brothers in Rome appreciated need to be concerned about their Christian brothers. (Acts 28:15) Also, we need to keep busy in the field offering subscriptions. Song 64.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	552	148.9	59.4	5.3	149.6
Pios.	20,914	94.5	35.6	2.9	98.1
Temp. Pios.	7,825	77.8	21.9	1.2	86.6
Pubs.	499,729	9.5	4.0	.5	13.8
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UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN DECEMBER?

Good work was done! During December there were 1,132,293 bound books placed. That is more than two books for every publisher of the good news in this country. We were offering the *New World Translation* and *Is This Life All There Is?* You will be interested to know that, during the past year, 3,018,860 copies of the *New World Translation* in English were shipped from Brooklyn and, to date, 3,944,295 copies of the book *Is This Life All There Is?* have been shipped out. Many people are hungering for the truth.

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The Refreshing Quality of Reasonableness

[1] Reasonableness is certainly a most desirable quality. It is hard to work with someone who is unreasonable, stubborn, demanding, authoritative and critical. (Ezek. 34:4) But there is something truly refreshing about one who is considerate, understanding and does not insist on the letter of the law. Little wonder, then, that the Scriptures encourage all of us, not just elders, to manifest reasonableness. —Phil. 4:5; Titus 3:1, 2; Jas. 3:17.

[2] What will help us to be reasonable with our brothers? We should keep in mind that the Christian congregation is composed of people having different backgrounds, customs and ways of life. Regardless of their weaknesses, imperfections and the extent of their spiritual progress, they want to do God's will. Our recognizing this will help us to be understanding and to give due consideration to their circumstances.

[3] Brothers who are "reaching out" for the fine work of oversight in the Christian congregation should especially be concerned about setting an example in displaying fairness, moderation and forbearance, looking humanely and reasonably at their brothers' abilities, problems and circumstances. (1 Tim. 3:1, 3) The reasonable person looks for the good in his brothers, seeking to commend and encourage. He does not quickly condemn others for minor failings. Nor does he make big issues over trifles and give people the impression that he is hard to please, that nothing really suits him. (Compare 1 Corinthians 9:12, 18-23; 1 Peter 2:18.) While encouraging others to progress, he recognizes that they have limitations, likes and dislikes.

[4] When we consider the responsibilities of elders, we can see why reasonableness is one of the qualifications for elders. It is refreshing to the whole congregation. In handling matters as a judicial committee, reasonable elders take the individual into consideration. A major concern is to give Scriptural help designed to meet his needs so that he may recover from spiritual weakness. Manifesting reasonableness, the elders do not act like judges handing down verdicts without any consideration of mercy. Also, at other times, when giving counsel or distributing responsibilities in the congregation, they do not ignore circumstances and a person's limitations. Basing their counsel on God's Word, they appeal to their brothers' love of right. They are also willing to listen to suggestions and to apply counsel that is given to them.

[5] Truly, when the whole congregation strives to display reasonableness, this helps to make our service to God, not a burden, but a delight. (Matt. 11:28-30) May all of us continue to work hard in developing to a greater degree that refreshing quality of reasonableness.

Announcements

◆ Brothers are not being considered for Bethel service until their draft lottery number is listed, which is usually in March of the calendar year in which they become nineteen years of age.

◆ Please be sure to enclose a Remittance and Credit Request form with every payment accompanying an order for cash items or subscriptions.

◆ The special report card showing the attendance at the Lord's Evening Meal should be sent to the Society by the presiding overseer immediately after that meeting.

◆ Literature offer for May: *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?* with a booklet, on a contribution of 50c. June: *New World Translation* along with the book *Is This Life All There Is?*, on a contribution of $1.25.

◆ *Kingdom News* No. 20 will be distributed from May 2 through 11. These will be consigned to congregations free of charge at the rate of 100 copies per publisher, including pioneers, based on the November 1974 congregation report. Special pioneers, circuit and district overseers will be sent their supply.

◆ Regular pioneers desiring to serve as temporary special pioneers, devoting a minimum of 150 hours a month to field service in isolated territory for two or three months during the summer, may write for further information. Each assignment is organized for a team of two. Before writing to the Society, arrangements should be made for a partner (give partner's name when writing) and a car that is in good condition. Some financial assistance will be provided by the Society.

◆ New Publications Available:

Is This Life All There Is? —Spanish
"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts" —Cebuano, Iloko

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

Man's Rule About to Give Way to God's Rule —Korean
The Approaching Peace of a Thousand Years —Korean, Norwegian
When All Nations Collide, Head On, with God —Korean

Suggested Presentation

You may use as a subject the title of the opening article in *The Watchtower* or an item in the section "Insight on the News."

Be Concerned About New Brothers

[1] As dedicated servants of Jehovah we are obligated to "work what is good toward all, but especially toward those related to us in the faith." (Gal. 6:10) To do that, we must know our brothers. In view of the great increases being experienced, this may require putting forth extraordinary effort to 'widen out' in our love so that new ones will not feel neglected.—2 Cor. 6:11.

[2] We should give thoughtful consideration to what new ones in our midst might be facing. Some may find themselves in a divided household, perhaps being subjected to ridicule and abuse. Former friends may have turned against them. Because of such things, these new ones may feel discouraged and lonely. If we know what they are up against, we can encourage them and make them feel wanted and appreciated.

[3] Jesus Christ said of those who had taken up the yoke of discipleship: "No one has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not get a hundredfold now in this period of time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and fields." (Mark 10:29, 30) Individually we

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Imitate Our Merciful God (*Cont'd*)

tainly a subject that should be widely advertised in our territory. Also, we want to be sure to encourage those who attended the Memorial to be present, do we not? If need be, why not arrange to pick them up?

[7] With so much activity ahead, could you perhaps arrange to be a temporary pioneer? How many of you who will have school vacation would like to enjoy this privilege of service in March or April? If you can share in temporary pioneer service, talk to the presiding overseer and he will gladly furnish you with an application. Even if you are unable to pioneer, why not put forth a special effort to devote as much time in field service as your circumstances reasonably allow?

[8] Jehovah God has truly set an outstanding example in showing mercy. Surely, in the months ahead, we want to be found imitating him. May our depth of concern for people and our faithful efforts in their behalf help many to come to know Jehovah as his obedient servants.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Without Prejudgment

1 All people are entitled to hear the "good news." Jesus Christ died, not for just a few, but "for all." (2 Cor. 5:14) We should be careful, therefore, not to prejudge people, thinking that it would be a waste of time to revisit them.

2 True, there are people who may accept literature simply as a kind gesture. However, regardless of the attitude they might have on the initial call, we do not know the inclinations of their hearts nor can we be sure of the effect the literature may have on them. We may have seen and talked to the individual only once. So would it not be sad if our prejudgment caused a person to lose valuable time in getting started on the way to life?

3 Deep concern for fellow humans will also cause us to take note of people who manifest some interest in the Bible but accept no literature. When some interest is shown you can lay the basis for a return visit. Before leaving, you could mention that you would like to talk to the householder again, sharing additional points from the Bible with him. Try to determine what might be a good subject to talk about when you return. You could also find out when it would be best to call back. After you leave the house, note that information on your house-to-house record. To prepare yourself for the return visit, you could select scriptures from *Sermon Outlines,* a magazine article or a chapter from one of the books. You may need to make a number of calls to stimulate the householder's interest sufficiently to want to study the Bible with you.

4 While not all our efforts may bear fruit, we can rest assured that Jehovah is pleased with our imitating his concern for mankind. Moreover, at times the completely unexpected happens. Take the case of a woman in Martinique. During a period of some four and a half years she refused to listen to the Witnesses. When a sister who had often been turned away called with *Kingdom News,* the woman said: "I already told you so many times that I am not interested at all." Replied the sister: "It is just to give you this tract that is being distributed world wide. It is very important. Please take it." The woman did accept the tract. Concerned about the apparently "opposed" woman, the sister was anxious to find out what effect the tract might have had on her and returned two weeks later. Imagine her delight when, after being invited into the home, the woman agreed to have a Bible study. Now this woman is a zealous publisher. She often tells the sister: "If I had only known, I would have accepted it long ago. I lost so much time."

5 We never know what might develop. Response may not be very enthusiastic on the initial call. Yet that can change. Something we said may cause the householder to think, or a point in the literature placed may stimulate his interest. Our genuinely friendly way may impress him. However, neglect due to our prejudgment could cause interest to diminish. That is why we have good reason to be diligent in our follow-up work, demonstrating our being in full harmony with Jehovah's desire that "all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth."—1 Tim. 2:4.

About New Brothers *(Cont'd)*

might ask ourselves: Am I widening out in my concern for the brothers, including new ones, so that they feel they have gained a loving brother or sister, father or mother, son or daughter? Do I make them welcome in my home as I would my dearest fleshly relatives? To the extent that my circumstances allow, am I becoming more aware of occasions when I might share my assets with those in real need?

4 Of course, being viewed by others as a close brother or sister, father or mother, son or daughter does not come automatically. We must demonstrate that we truly are such, not taking undue advantage of Christian hospitality and not always expecting to be on the receiving end. (2 Thess. 3:10-12) Rather, may all of us continue to "practice giving" of ourselves, our time, energies and assets, and thus experience a happiness greater than that which results from receiving.—Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Cyclone Tracy virtually wiped out Darwin, Australia, late in December, but all 160 brothers there are safe. They are being well cared for, though almost all of them lost their homes. The Kingdom Hall was damaged but is still standing and in use.

◆ Two district assemblies held in Kenya, with total attendance of 3,288, and 117 baptized. There are 1,560 Kingdom proclaimers in that land. John Booth of the Governing Body spoke at the Nairobi assembly, attended by delegates from fifteen countries.

◆ Nigeria reports a peak of 104,530 publishers. Nineteen district assemblies there attended by 256,852, with 6,034 baptized.

◆ Brazil reached a new peak of 98,144 publishers. Thus the number of Kingdom preachers has nearly tripled in ten years. Their 25 assemblies were attended by 184,817, with 7,131 baptized.

◆ Brothers in Greece rejoice that they can now hold circuit assemblies in public places. Recent assemblies attended by 1,000 to 1,400. New peak of 17,563 publishers in December adds to their joy.

Question Box

• Are repentant wrongdoers "placed" or "put on" public or private reproof as if placed on probation?

No. A reproof is a congregational *expression of disapproval* occasioned by a serious wrongdoing that could have led to the disfellowshiping of one of its baptized members if he had been unrepentant. (1 Tim. 5:20; Titus 1:10-13) Once that expression of disapproval is made, the reproof is complete. The individual does not enter a period of continued reprimand and so is not *under* reproof, "put on probation" as it were.

Why, then, are restrictions in effect? Serious sin committed by a member of the congregation manifests spiritual weakness on his part. As a person who is physically ill may be restricted from eating certain foods or from engaging in certain activities until his condition shows marked improvement, so a person who is spiritually weak may be relieved of certain responsibilities in the congregation until there is evidence of his regaining spiritual strength. The restrictions are to a large extent intended to help the repentant wrongdoer recover from spiritual weakness and to impress upon him the importance of respecting God's holiness.—Gal. 6:7-9; see *or,* p. 167.

If a brother who has recently been reproved moves to another congregation, it is advisable to inform the elders of that congregation as to any restrictions that may be in effect. This will enable the elders in his new congregation to continue supervising the restoration of his privileges and to aid him toward full spiritual recovery. Of course, no announcement of such previous reproof is made in the new congregation. At all times elders should imitate the merciful way in which Jehovah dealt with his people even when discipline was needed.—Isa. 63:7-9.

★ Look for Ways to Help Your Brothers. ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

APRIL 1975

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

VOL. XVIII NO. 4

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Brother Knorr along with Brother F. W. Franz returned safe and sound and gave us a fine report on their round-the-world zone trip.

Leaving Europe (we already told you about that part of the trip), they flew to Lebanon, where they met with only the elders, due to the ban on our work there. Witnessing is also difficult in Pakistan, the next stop. So imagine their joy when, with only 150 publishers in the whole country, 197 attended the Karachi assembly! In Bombay, India, a new assembly hall atop the branch home holds 400. But 948 showed up to pack out all corners of the home!

At Rangoon, Burma, riots in connection with the burial of U Thant resulted in cancellation of the hall for the assembly. But other arrangements were quickly made, and everyone rejoiced to see a peak attendance of 650. In Bangkok, Thailand, it was learned that, out of the country's 605 publishers, 100 were baptized this past year.

Our traveling brothers then talked to 226 in Penang, Malaysia, to 431 at three separate meetings (in spite of the ban) in Singapore, to 2,175 at Djakarta, Indonesia, and to 1,736 in Sydney, Australia. At this latter gathering the talks were put on videotapes and later shown in Kingdom Halls across the country. In the Town Hall in Auckland, New Zealand, there were 2,866 present.

During the stop in Tahiti it was arranged for a new branch of the Society to be located there for that part of the Pacific. And from there it was on to assemblies in Hawaii, Los Angeles and Denver.

Total attendance to hear our traveling brothers was 167,496.

These wonderful reports from around the world only heighten our excitement here at Bethel as we contemplate the activity of the future—in March, the Memorial and special talk; in April, the special magazines; in May, the distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 20; and then on to the grand series of summer district assemblies!

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Preach with Endurance and Joy

[1] When Jesus was on earth he wanted his followers to share with him in telling others the good news. Thus Luke 10:1 says: "The Lord designated seventy . . . and sent them forth by twos in advance of him into every city and place to which he himself was going to come." In verse 17 we learn one result of this preaching tour: "Then the seventy returned with joy."

[2] Each one of us has had the pleasure of experiencing that same reward. There is true happiness in 'declaring good news to the poor, preaching a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, sending the crushed ones away with a release and preaching Jehovah's acceptable year.' (Luke 4:18, 19) Especially is this true in these days when so many thousands are listening and responding to what Jehovah has said.

[3] However, the Bible does not promise the Christian that joy free of problems. No, a variety of difficulties is what we should expect, with happiness resulting if we endure. So, we have cultivated the thinking of the apostle Paul, who said: "When being reviled, we bless; when being persecuted, we bear up; when being defamed, we entreat." (1 Cor. 4:12, 13) Other apostles also demonstrated the right view when they "went their way from before the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be dishonored in behalf of [Jesus'] name."—Acts 5:41.

[4] But perhaps direct persecution is not the problem you face now. Still, do you get opposition from members of your own family? (Matt. 10:21, 35, 36) Jehovah is pleased when we set for them a fine example in Christian conduct, and regular association with your larger 'family' in the truth will help you to succeed in this. (Mark 10:29, 30) If your relatives refuse to listen, you can always devote your preaching time to those in the territory who will listen. Jehovah can fill your life with a useful, productive service in many ways you never imagined.

[5] Do you have health problems? Have the years slowed you down? If so, be realistic. What youth accomplishes in one way, you might accomplish through other means. The qualities and gifts your years of experience have developed might accomplish much in a field not open to others. Do you witness by letter, telephone, or informally? Do you study so as to participate in meetings, to answer others' questions, and to build someone up with a word at the right time? If nothing else, do you support by your presence at meetings, by your smiles, by your prayers, those who can serve more actively than you? There are many ways for you to serve with endurance and joy.

[6] April is the last month of this *Watchtower* campaign. Do you have plans for following up all subscription prospects you have located in the previous three months? It would be good for each family to talk this over and to schedule the needed time so that all such calls, including any involving expired magazine subscriptions, can be made before the month ends. The Bible study overseer can help by being certain that all expiration slips have been distributed to the publishers. Have those with whom you have conducted home Bible studies received their three free copies of the April 15 *Watchtower?*

[7] Has your congregation scheduled the two special talks, "Why Look to God as Your Refuge?" and "Are You *Really* Making Jehovah Your Stronghold?" for late in April or early in May? Be sure you are acquainted with the dates they will be given in your

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★ Preach Despite Being Spectacles Through Persecution. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING APRIL 13

12 min: Song 91. Discuss 1 Corinthians 4:9. (*Watchtower*, 4/1/74, pp. 215, 216) Then ask audience: What attitude should we take toward opposers? (Acts 7:59, 60) What good often results from opposition? (Luke 21:12, 13) Is persecution a cause for feeling shame or fear? (1 Pet. 4:16; Matt. 10:28)

15 min: "Preach with Endurance and Joy." Questions and answers. With paragraph 6 include demonstration of how to offer special April 15 *Watchtower* and April 22 *Awake!* Also, report on *Watchtower* campaign.

18 min: 'No Weapon Formed Against You Will Succeed.' Enthusiastic, encouraging talk on *1975 Yearbook*, page 94, paragraph 3, to page 119, paragraph 1. Can read excerpts and pose occasional questions for audience. Though can't cover every point, tell the story. Emphasize that 'no weapon formed against Jehovah's people will succeed,' so should not fear persecution. (Isa. 54:17) On pages cited, highlight the following: (1) Courageously, God's people waged a counteroffensive against clergy-inspired opposition by distributing the first issues of *Kingdom News*. (Pp. 97, 98) (2) Severe persecution was endured by Bible Students, and they were "cautious as serpents" (Matt. 10:16) when *The Finished Mystery* and certain other Christian publications were banned. (Pp. 98-101) (3) Brother Rutherford and other principal servants of the Watch Tower Society were arrested on false charge of sedition. Show nature of court trial and its outcome, citing fulfillment of Revelation 11:3-7, 10. (Pp. 103-109) (4) Bible Students were optimistic despite 'Babylonish captivity,' continuing to witness and meet. Imprisoned brothers also held meetings and preached, with good results. (Pp. 109-112) (5) At annual meeting in 1919, confidence was expressed by reelecting Brother Rutherford president. (Pp. 113-115) (6) An outstanding witness resulted from work with the petition to release these imprisoned brothers. Released March 26, 1919, and completely exonerated later. (Pp. 115-119) (7) Emphasize that in 1918 and 1919, with God's aid, Jehovah's people endured great hardships and 'no weapon formed against them prospered.' (P. 119) Similarly, we can be confident that Jehovah will help His people to endure persecution today.

15 min: Concluding comments. Comment briefly on congregation accounts. Then talk on material in pages 185-187 of *Organization* book; present in an encouraging manner. Song 87.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 20

Serving Jehovah in Youth

10 min: Song 73. Warmly show how congregation appreciates youths in midst. Give encouraging report on number of young ones in congregation, number conducting studies, making return visits, number having shared as temporary pioneers and how they make fine contribution to congregation in other ways. (Refer to 2 Kings 5:1-19.)

15 min: "They Appreciate Your Help." Questions and answers.

20 min: Remember the Creator in Youth.

(1 min.) Chairman comments very briefly on Eccl. 12:1, showing that now is the time for young persons to serve Jehovah. Mention that this is a service meeting for youths and we want to hear from them. They face problems that we don't. Can interview according to age groups, having a few publishers in each of three categories, about ages 7-10, 11-14, 15-18. Adjust this according to young ones available. Ask questions according to what will be most beneficial for congregation and agreeable with parents. Parents can, at home, review with their children questions assigned them ahead of time by chairman. Thereafter, careful advance rehearsal by chairman would be appropriate. He should be sure to hear, by advance rehearsal, what young ones have in mind.

(15 min.) (1) Studying for and attending school classes: What are some of the problems youths face today in attending school? What are some things you believe might be done to assist young people with these problems? What have you been doing or what do you plan to do in overcoming or solving these problems? How has the truth helped in these situations?

(2) Field service and meetings: What are some of the obstacles young people have in sharing fully in field service and meetings? What kind of help from congregation do you especially appreciate? What are your goals or plans for making improvement in field service and meeting attendance or participation? Why do some young persons have difficulty sitting quietly through an entire meeting? Why do you think some miss meetings, and what could be done to help them? What do you feel is improper or disturbing conduct in the Kingdom Hall, and how can those engaging in such be helped to improve?

(3) Association and recreation: What are some problems that young people in the truth encounter in filling their need for good association and recreation? What do you especially appreciate about your opportunities for association and recreation with those in the truth? What do you think you and others can do to help all of you benefit even more from time spent in association with others and in recreation?

(4 min.) Comment on Eccl. 11:9, 10. See 5/73 *Kingdom Ministry*, page 3, pars. 1-4. While young ones have special problems and needs, yet they are part of the congregation and need to work closely with it and support it. Parents and other adults can do much to assist.

15 min: Concluding comments. Distributing *Kingdom News* No. 20. Invite publishers to obtain supplies after the meeting. Comment on benefit of tract distribution, as discussed in Society's letter of February 15. Discuss value of message in *Kingdom News* No. 20; may read some excerpts. Encourage publishers to read it carefully. Mention what elders have already done in arranging for congregation to have full share in distribution. Tell of territory arrangements and meetings for service. Explain what can be done if some have more tracts than they need and if some need more. Comment on importance of covering territory thoroughly and within allotted time of May 2-11. Show what part young ones can have in *Kingdom News* distribution. Distributing them under appropriate parental supervision is something they can enthusiastically share in. Older publishers want their help in getting this important work done well and on time! Invite any who have been studying, but have not yet shared in field service, to talk to an elder, if they would like to share in tract distribution. Song 55.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 27

12 min: Song 101. Discuss questions: Why do Jehovah's witnesses say there is only one true religion? Do they not believe that there are good examples in all faiths? (*Watchtower*, 2/15/75, pp. 127, 128) Make discussion positive and upbuilding. Include day's text and comments, if appropriate.

15 min: "Divine Sovereignty" District Assemblies. Discuss with audience Society's letter. Spend time on that which applies to your congregation.

15 min: Helping Others to Know Jehovah.

(2 min.) Chairman shows it will be good to start now preparing ourselves to offer, during May, the book *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?* Each publisher can decide how he will present the book, depending on his ability and the territory.

(11 min.) What might be good introduction for our territory? What comments might be made on scriptures? What else might be said in describing book? How could Scriptural discussion be made very brief, if desired? Discuss with audience this presentation:

'Lord's Prayer' might be used as basis for getting the householder's attention. After the usual greeting might say: "Those who have a love for God and a respect for the Bible pray the Lord's Prayer. [Read or quote Matt. 6:9, 10.] Do you think that has any meaning for us today? [Allow for comment.] The Bible itself indicates that it does. For example, Psalm 83:18 helps us to appreciate what it means to have His name sanctified, treated as holy, or cleared of reproach. [Read.] Yes, people everywhere will some-day soon know that Jehovah is the Most High over all. This fact is especially made clear in the Bible book of Ezekiel, which is fully discussed in this book, '"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?' We leave it for 50 cents."

(2 min.) Close with encouragement for all to devote sufficient time to presentation so as to approach people in territory with confidence.

18 min: Concluding comments. Discuss Question Box material with audience. Encourage full support for distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 20 and make any last-minute suggestions that will help the publishers to have a share. Emphasize short presentation. Mention brief points that might be used. Could have demonstration. Comment on any applicable Announcements. Song 56.

WEEK STARTING MAY 4

15 min: Song 105. In introductory remarks can use day's text and comments. Branch Letter.

15 min: Questions from Readers. *Watchtower* issues of 10/1/74 (first and third) and 7/15/74. Talk and discuss with audience. Consider the questions most appropriate for your congregation or select other questions if felt more applicable to your congregation. Show how it is the Bible itself that gives the answer.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Using Questions to Arouse Interest." Questions and answers. Might have demonstration showing how questions could arouse interest in *Know Jehovah* book.

15 min: Concluding comments. Include talk on May theme, "Evangelizing with Good News for All Mankind." (Luke 2:10) (*Watchtower*, 6/1/74, pp. 335-340, paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 27, 28) Song 110.

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They Appreciate Your Help

1 Jehovah God loves children. They play a part in His grand purpose, and throughout man's history they have brought joy and fulfillment to the family arrangement. (Ps. 68:5; 127:3-5; 128:3-6) In imitation of his Father, Christ Jesus, too, had tender affection for young people. On one occasion when using a youngster as an example, "he put his arms around" the child. He did not view such show of kindness as unmanly. Later, Jesus found time to take some children into his arms and bless them. He enjoyed them, and helping them was a part of his ministry.—Mark 9:36; 10:13-16.

2 Having the same view as Jehovah God and his Son, how pleased we are to have children as part of the congregation. We want to see them grow up with a love for Jehovah and righteousness. The congregation is interested in seeing young ones progress in the truth so that their 'advancement is manifest to all persons.' (1 Tim. 4:15) How happy a congregation is when such ones grow up to serve in various fields of full-time service such as at Bethel, in pioneer and missionary work, or in other ways set fine examples for the congregation.

3 Of course, parents have the primary responsibility to help their children to be pleasing to Jehovah. Keeping in mind that their children are born without belief in God, though with a capacity to do so, will help. Good examples also help. As unbelieving husbands can be "won without a word through the conduct of their wives," so children can become believers through being eyewitnesses of the godly conduct of their parents. —1 Pet. 3:1, 2.

4 Initiative and foresight are required if parents are to watch out for the spiritual interests of their children. For example, parents who appreciate this, knowing that their children need association, do more than merely warn them against the results of bad association. They themselves set aside time to be with their children, and then they plan for association with children who also love Jehovah.

5 Raising children today is not easy. So, parents are usually pleased when the congregation as a whole takes a genuine interest in the young folks. They appreciate any help given. Even a word of acknowledgment that it takes time and effort to bring children to meetings and take them along in the field service is encouraging. So, too, is it encouraging to children when elders take a moment to talk to them and let them know how happy the congregation is to have them attend. Where effort and progress have been made, this can be mentioned. It may involve the field service, a student talk, a meeting comment, following along in the Bible, or having been quiet through the entire meeting.

6 Elders, with parental approval, can show young ones they are a part of the congregation by including them in its activities wherever possible. Some may be given assignments around the hall. These may be in connection with cleaning, straightening the chairs, passing out *Kingdom Ministry* and Ministry School assignments or other matters appropriate to their age and ability. They may be used on the platform to give talks in the Ministry School, to participate in demonstrations or to relate experiences.

7 God's people are like a large family. We all take an interest in others, including young ones. Parents may appreciate help in caring for children during the meetings and assistance in the field service. Let children know they are missed when absent from the Kingdom Hall. Tell them how new ones attending the Kingdom Hall appreciate their good example. Include families with young children when arranging for social occasions. Especially when the father is not in the truth should we be alert to help young ones. We are all interested in doing what we can to help youths to mature and shoulder their responsibility in Jehovah's organization.

Announcements

◆ The Society now has a limited supply of the book *Is This Life All There Is?* in grade-two English Braille available on a loan basis. You may receive this 265-page, three-volume set free of charge by writing the Braille Desk. The set must be returned to the Braille Desk after completion of reading or study. These sets are not to be stocked by the congregation.

◆ The *Know Jehovah* book will be used at the congregation book studies beginning in June or when you complete the present book. It will be good to determine how many publishers will want new personal copies so that these can be included when ordering.

◆ Literature offer for April: *Watchtower* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50, or subscriptions for both *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, with six booklets, for $3.00. May: *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?*, with a booklet, for 50 cents. June: *New World Translation*, along with the book *Is This Life All There Is?*, for $1.25.

◆ Regular pioneers who were appointed on or before February 1, 1975, will be sent a meal ticket for use at a district assembly during this service year. These will be sent to the presiding overseer along with the monthly statement for May. Pioneers, be sure to bring your meal ticket to the assembly and treat it as cash; no replacements will be available.

◆ The April 22 issue of *Awake!* is built around the subject "Mental Health in a Mixed-up World." The magazine provides much practical information that many people will be grateful to have and, of course, directs them to the only lasting solution. If you would like to have an additional supply of this issue for your congregation, please order right away.

◆ On Saturday, April 12, the Bethel home and factory, including Watchtower Farm, will be closed for spring cleaning; so there will be no arrangement for tours or literature pickup on that day. However, magazine supplies may be picked up.

◆ Congregations with 75 or more publishers might stock one or two copies of the large-print Bible, *Aid to Bible Understanding*, *Comprehensive Concordance*, Byington's translation, *Kingdom Interlinear Translation*, *Diaglott*, *"Make Sure of All Things,"* and *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial,"* the first four of which are cash items. Thus, if a publisher can place one of these and wants to make a call within a day or two he can do so. These should be ordered, however, only if you expect to be able to use them.

◆ New Publications Available:
New World Translation of the Christian Greek Scriptures —Danish
Human Plans Failing as God's Purpose Succeeds —Italian

◆ Publications Available Again:
Watch Tower Publications Index for 1961-1965, also for 1966-1970 —English

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	530	151.8	64.4	5.7	154.1
Pios.	21,038	97.0	37.6	3.0	100.3
Temp. Pios.	6,454	79.7	24.9	1.5	86.0
Pubs.	496,470	9.4	4.3	.5	14.0
TOTAL	524,492				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 6,280

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JANUARY?

While weather was difficult to cope with in various parts of the country, and there was the added problem of sickness, it was a pleasure to see 524,492 proclaimers of the Kingdom message out in January. This represents a 7.1-percent increase over January of last year. We obtained 122,536 new subscriptions and placed 624,130 books. What a joy to see so many accepting our Bible study aids, opening additional opportunities for us to make return visits and start Bible studies!

Suggested Presentation

The March 30 special public talk will be published in the April 15 *Watchtower*. This subject can beneficially be used as a basis for discussion.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

By Using Questions to Arouse Interest

[1] The Great Teacher, Jesus, used questions to arouse interest and to make people think. (Matt. 17:25; 18:12; Mark 11:29, 30) Reading of such effective use of questions makes us want to copy Jesus' use of them in our field service.

[2] When placing single copies of the magazines, many find it very practical to pose a question about one of the articles. Having captured the interest of the individual, then you can go on to call attention to the article and present the magazines. But be prepared to follow through on whatever subject you raised by your question, either with a further comment on the matter, or by pointing out a specific point in the article being presented.

[3] Some brothers, too, have had success using the following question, or a variation of it, and you may find it helpful to you. After briefly introducing themselves, they ask, "If you had the power to overcome just one of the problems in the world, which one would it be?" Then, after getting the answer, they refer to a scripture that deals with it. For instance, if the answer is, "I would do away with the corrupt governments," the householder is directed to Daniel 2:44 to show that arrangements have already been made by God to set up a kingdom that will do away with corrupt governments.

[4] In offering the *Know Jehovah* book, we might say: "In the Bible book of Ezekiel there is an important statement that is repeated 62 times for emphasis and that has meaning for today. Would you like to know what that statement is?" (Pause for reply.) Then, read the title of the book. (See *kj*, page 32.) Even when offering the *Watchtower* subscription, you may find it effective to ask questions on an appropriate article to arouse interest; or you may wish to use a question that can be answered by the scripture that appears prominently in the first article of each issue during the campaign.

[5] A word of caution, though, in regard to using questions: They should not be used to embarrass people. You may want to suggest possible answers to your question. Or, if your householder hesitates to reply, you may just continue to talk.

[6] At first you may find it difficult to use questions, but continue trying. Even if at first you are not successful, you will find that in time you become experienced and effective in their use. They are often helpful to get a conversation going and to draw the householder out so that you know his viewpoint better, and are able to build on what interests him.

[7] You may find it very helpful to discuss with others in the congregation the use of questions to arouse interest. If you find something that is particularly helpful to you, then pass it on to others so that they too will benefit. The effective use of questions can improve the quality of your field service and stimulate interesting discussions.

Preach with Endurance and Joy (*Cont'd*)

congregation so you can invite interested ones to be there with you. These talks contain information that will surely help those who attended the Memorial and the special talk on March 30. Invite them to be there on these two occasions also.

[8] Has your secular employment been affected by the economic slowdown? We hear that some brothers have decided to temporary pioneer, now that they are employed fewer hours. The elders will gladly give immediate attention to your application if you find that you can share in this privilege for a month or so. Loss of employment usually causes hardships, but sharing more fully in field service can bring much joy.

[9] April should be a month of great activity for Jehovah's people. There is much work that needs to be done. Young and old, new and seasoned publishers, should share unreservedly. Preaching and teaching should occupy a large part of our time and attention these days. What a privilege to share in this work! Jehovah will richly bless all those who put forth the effort to preach with endurance and joy no matter what the conditions.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **There are now 18 Jehovah's Witnesses Assembly Halls in use for circuit assemblies in this country, with one more under construction. The average seating capacity for each auditorium is about 1,500, although for a few it is above 2,000. Most have areas that can be used for overflow, and these increase total seating capacity considerably. Some have separate cafeterias and Kingdom Halls.**

◆ **A year ago Hong Kong had 307 publishers, but this January a new peak of 423 reported there.**

◆ **The brothers in India (4,494 publishers) enjoyed 11 district assemblies with a total attendance of 6,363, and 235 baptized.**

◆ **Ten years ago France had about 21,750 publishers. Now, with their latest peak, they have reached 61,029. Brothers are rejoicing to be able to offer "The Watchtower" since the ban on it has been lifted.**

◆ **Mexico, since 1968, has about doubled the number of its publishers, with 73,916 now reporting field service. Baptisms are running 1,593 ahead of last year.**

Question Box

● Are new attenders at our meetings welcome to comment even though their lives are not in harmony with Bible principles?

When people show an interest in the truth, we are happy to invite them to our meetings, knowing they will benefit in many ways. Some, by attending just one meeting, through listening and observation, have become convinced that 'God is with us.' We do not inquire into their personal lives before extending such invitations.

Nor do we need to make such inquiry before allowing them to comment. Participation is a part of our educational arrangement, so if a new person raised his hand, we would not refuse to acknowledge it. He would no doubt benefit by sharing, and his participation would probably also encourage others. —Heb. 10:24, 25.

What of those *newly associated* who are tobacco users or who have some immorality in their background? Well, would not the above reasoning still apply as long as they conducted themselves in a decorous and respectable manner? Commenting does not make them members of the congregation. They are newcomers and learning. Very likely, as have others in the past, they will make improvement, clean up their lives and make progress toward dedication and baptism. We cannot expect that when they first begin attending they will be completely free of all wrongdoing.

The elders, however, and especially the one conducting, must be alert to watch for any notorious persons who might try to sneak into the congregation to do harm, even as Jude warned. So, in general, nonbaptized, newly interested ones may be called upon to comment, if raising the hand.

★ **Encourage Young Ones to Share in Kingdom Activity.** ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

MAY 1975
FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.' "—Ps. 91:2.
VOL. XVIII NO. 5

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

All of us who are enjoying a share in the evangelizing work are encouraged very much as we see how Jehovah is making everything grow. (1 Cor. 3:6) From our viewpoint here at Bethel, there has never been anything like it. Last year in the United States 81,588 persons were immersed; and this service year, to the end of February, 32,845 have been immersed already.

Distribution of literature containing the good news keeps increasing. The Brooklyn Bethel family who work in producing the Bibles and other books are personally aware of the growth. During the 1973 service year we were privileged to make 28 million copies. In 1974 we made 45 million. Amazingly, during the first six months of the present service year we have made 30 million books, including Bibles, but still there are some publications out of stock. As of March 1 we had unfilled orders on hand at Brooklyn for 32 million more books.

In trying to meet the demand for literature to use in the evangelizing work, the Bethel family at Brooklyn and Watchtower Farms was increased by about 400 members, so now there are over two thousand members in this family. New bindery equipment has been ordered that will double the production capacity, the bindery lines being increased from ten to twenty. A total of 85 new machines are being purchased this year for making books. Also five more rotary printing presses are on order.

As the new machinery comes in, there will be a real need for more single brothers to serve at Bethel and produce publications for the evangelizing work, so we extend an invitation to those who are in good health and willing to do this kind of service to write to Office of the President, 124 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, requesting an application. The age requirement for these single brothers is that they were born in 1956 or prior thereto and are not over 35 years old. Are you one who can join our family and help to supply your brothers with needed things to do the evangelizing work? We hope to welcome many more into the Bethel family in the near future, for we have faith that Jehovah will continue to make the congregations grow.

Here at Bethel we find the increase exciting and we appreciate the privilege of serving you who are in the congregations everywhere. We pray that you will continue to have Jehovah's blessing and good success in evangelizing with the good news for all mankind.

Your fellow servants,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Evangelize with the Welcome Good News

[1] The birth of Jesus was good news to God-fearing persons who heard about it, news worthy of being announced far and wide. (Luke 2:10) Jesus proved to be the long-awaited Messiah, and he gave more good news to pass on to others—the news of the Messianic kingdom that will bless all mankind.—Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20.

[2] Today the evangel we declare to all mankind tells of the Kingdom's establishment. It is an exciting announcement. So all servants of Jehovah should have the evangelizing spirit! Are you taking advantage of your opportunities to be an evangelizer? Do you *schedule* time for field service? Are you striving to improve your ability and effectiveness as an evangelizer? Do you really cultivate interest and show a willingness to take on the responsibility of a Bible study? Truly, if we have the evangelizing spirit we will definitely schedule time to evangelize on a regular basis and we will constantly strive to improve in presenting the good news. We will also take advantage of the many opportunities to engage in informal witnessing, appreciating that we are servants of Jehovah *all the time!*

[3] From May 2 through 11 we should schedule time to distribute *Kingdom News* No. 20, fittingly entitled "Would You Welcome Some Good News?" It would be fine if we could get a copy of this tract into every household in our territory. So plan to have a share in the tract distribution. For the rest of the month we will follow up on this special tract distribution by scheduling time for house-to-house work, using the book *"The Nations Shall Know that I Am Jehovah"—How?*

[4] Are you prepared to present the *'Know Jehovah'* book? Why not arrange some practice sessions? And we do not want to overlook the new publishers, do we? Be sure to include them in some of your practice sessions and invite them to join with you in this most important evangelizing work.

[5] Many new studies can be started during May as we follow up on the special distribution of the tract. Search out those who welcome the good news. For study, use whatever publication will interest the householder and answer his questions best.

[6] What an exciting time in which to live and do evangelizing work! And what joy we have in seeing so many joining us in this work. So, keep your evangelizing spirit strong and help others to join us in this most important work of evangelizing with the welcome good news.

Suggested Presentation

A discussion on God's name based on Matthew 6:9, 10 and Psalm 83:18.

★ **Evangelizing with Good News for All Mankind.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING MAY 11

12 min: Song 92. Introductory comments and points from Branch Letter.

25 min: 'Advertise the King and the Kingdom.' Have certain book study groups prepared to comment on these points. Discuss the importance of zealously proclaiming the "good news." The *1975 Yearbook,* page 119, paragraph 2, to page 144, paragraph 2, will provide the basis for their comments. The publishers can center their conversation around the following questions: (1) What developments in 1919 proved that Jehovah wanted his people to be busy in advertising the King and his Kingdom? (Pp. 120-122) (2) How was *The Golden Age* used to spread the "good news"? (Pp. 123-125) During the period from 1919 to 1921 what publications were used in bringing the Kingdom message to people's homes? (Pp. 125-128) (3) In view of what happenings in connection with printing operations can we say that the use of literature in the field has had divine backing? (Pp. 128-130) (4) How did the second Cedar Point assembly serve as a grand stimulus for increased activity in door-to-door preaching? (Pp. 131-135) (5) How have Jehovah's servants on earth been involved in the fulfillment of thrilling apocalyptic prophecies? (Pp. 135-139) (6) How was the radio used to advertise the King and the Kingdom? (Pp. 139-144) In concluding, emphasize that it is a marvelous privilege to share in the field service—a work being done under angelic direction. (Rev. 14:6, 7) This should certainly encourage us to continue zealously advertising the King and the Kingdom.

13 min: "Evangelize with the Welcome Good News." A talk. Include any interesting experiences, especially in distributing *Kingdom News* No. 20.

10 min: Concluding comments. Mention number in congregation baptized this service year. With assembly time approaching, some may be considering baptism. Still time to consider the 80 questions in *Organization* book. Song 103.

WEEK STARTING MAY 18

15 min: Song 62. Introductory comments based on Question Box. Two elders discuss and show how overseers must teach in a variety of ways. A good example of an overseer who teaches is the circuit overseer.

30 min: "Get the Spiritual Benefits." Discuss material with audience participation. Include following demonstration:

Family at home comments on announcement of circuit overseer's visit. Very happy to learn of visit. Family head encourages all to review service activity to see how they could benefit. Son mentions his house-to-house work weak; hasn't had much success recently, so has been making only return visits on Sundays. Could use help from circuit overseer on this. Daughter has no Bible study, would like to conduct one. Feels circuit overseer might help her on several calls possibly to start a study. Wife has been wanting to temporary pioneer and feels this would be a good time. Could work with circuit overseer and wife during week. Wonders how they could work it out. Father comments all could work together to help on meals and other chores. Could have light easy-to-prepare meal in evening rather than usual large dinner. Suggests they buy meat that could be used for several meals, making it quicker to prepare evening meal. All agree would be fine to work together and help so wife could temporary pioneer during visit. Father plans to work with circuit overseer on Saturday or Sunday. All agree visit should help them as a family to progress spiritually; looking forward to visit very much.

15 min: Concluding comments. May mention how last visit by circuit overseer helped. Include comments on day's text and brief report on congregation accounts. Song 36.

WEEK STARTING MAY 25

10 min: Song 91. Introduction, including comments from audience on day's text.

15 min: Talk on June theme, "Persisting in Faithfulness as Our Way of Life."—1 Cor. 4:2. Include several local experiences to illustrate faithfulness in face of difficult situations involving school, employment, etc. Also could interview one or two older brothers or sisters who have served faithfully for many years in Jehovah's service.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—with the June Offer." Audience discussion. Demonstrate paragraphs 2 and 3, showing how presentations would best fit local territory.

17 min: Concluding comments. Include appropriate Announcements. Mention that applications are available for any who decide to temporary pioneer during summer. Remind congregation to bring *Organization* book for next week's service meeting. Song 35.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 1

10 min: Song 74. Introduction, also items from Theocratic News. Possibly read text and comments.

10 min: "Attend the 'Divine Sovereignty' Assemblies." Brief talk, with some audience participation, covering points in article.

28 min: "Understand Deeper Things." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Also include discussion of pages 100 and 101 of *Organization* book under the subheading "Congregation Book Study." Show how congregation book study is valuable meeting that Jehovah has arranged.

Also include brief demonstration of publisher preparing for book study at home, speaking as one thinking aloud. First asks himself question at bottom of page, then repeats to be sure he understands it. Then he notes points in paragraph that would answer question and underlines key words as he notes them out loud. Observes Scripture reference not quoted, so takes Bible and looks up reference, reading it out loud. Then asks himself: "How does this apply to paragraph?" Immediately sees point and comments on how it applies. [Publisher can do two paragraphs in this way if time permits.]

Chairman then encourages all to prepare in this way each week in order to participate, being sure they understand questions and looking up scriptures not quoted. Also parents should help children to prepare answers before coming to study. Conclude by encouraging all to attend book study every week to benefit from the deeper things Jehovah has for us to learn.

12 min: Concluding comments. Encourage all to finalize assembly plans, also to obtain *'Know Jehovah'* book for book study if do not already have it. Song 107.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 8

Elders can arrange own program or adjust June service meeting schedule to allow for attending district assembly.

Understand Deeper Things

1 How grateful we are for spiritual food! Since learning the truth, we have enjoyed the primary doctrine about Christ, but as dedicated servants of God we need to cultivate an appetite for solid food if we are to continue to grow spiritually. (1 Cor. 2:10; Heb. 5:14; 6:1; 2 Pet. 2:16) One provision for understanding deeper things is the congregation book study. Much of the material is more than elementary and requires effort on our part to dig into it to grasp the meaning.

2 All of us in the truth in 1971 enjoyed studying the *'Know Jehovah'* book after its release that year. But from 1972 through 1974 there were 654,985 who were baptized and became part of Jehovah's organization. What a fine thing it will be for these many new brothers to study this book with us.

3 In addition to attending regularly, it is recommended that we carefully prepare our lesson each week before going to the book study, with a view to participating in the study.

4 When you finish the *"Eternal Purpose"* book you can look forward to studying the *'Know Jehovah'* book. In our study, we will take up selected portions of the *'Know Jehovah'* book, as listed below. No set number of pages must be covered in any one study, but we estimate that it will take about six months to complete this material: p. 35 ¶1 to p. 50 ¶34; p. 54 ¶1 to p. 62 ¶17; p. 69 ¶32 to p. 72 ¶38; p. 74 ¶5 to p. 78 ¶15; p. 81 ¶22 to p. 82 ¶25; p. 85 ¶29 to p. 91 ¶44; p. 95 ¶9 to p. 113 ¶51; p. 127 ¶34 to p. 141 ¶67; p. 144 ¶8 to p. 162 ¶47; p. 165 ¶9 to p. 166 ¶12; p. 173 ¶27 to p. 176 ¶33; p. 237 ¶1 to p. 243 ¶16; p. 250 ¶35 to p. 255 ¶46; p. 278 ¶1 to p. 292 ¶37; p. 293 ¶1 to p. 308 ¶40; p. 349 ¶1 to p. 406 ¶17.

5 We are sure that you will enjoy studying the *'Know Jehovah'* book during the coming months.

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Attend the "Divine Sovereignty" Assemblies

1 These will soon commence. Are you ready? Have you sent in your room request and volunteer service forms? Will your whole family attend? Are you taking any newly interested persons with you?

2 The program will begin on Thursday morning at 9:55. Arrange to be there then. Do not miss anything on the program. There will be immersion on Friday for those making a dedication; they should have gone over the eighty questions with the elders before convention time. Bathing suit and towel should be brought from home.

3 Arrange your schedule so you do not have to leave the convention prior to 3:50 p.m. on Sunday, when the convention closes. It has been arranged to end earlier this year for your convenience in traveling. Do not miss the public lecture "One World, One Government, Under God's Sovereignty." How many people can you invite to the public talk? There will be extensive handbill distribution in each assembly city for a few days prior to the assembly, so if you can arrive there early, you may share in this witness work. Talk to people where you stay during the assembly and invite them to come. Bring someone to the public lecture if you can.

4 Give a good witness by what you say and do. Allow everyone a chance to have a seat. Elderly ones long in the truth cannot always get there early to find a seat. Please do not block off large sections of seating. Consider others and their happiness. Seats not occupied when the program begins should be made available to any who may be standing up.

5 Good spiritual things are being prepared. Do your utmost to be there.

Announcements

◆ Offer for May: *'Know Jehovah'* book along with one booklet, for a contribution of 50c. June: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* and *Is This Life All There Is?* (or some other small book) for a contribution of $1.25. July: *God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* for a contribution of 25c.

◆ District assembly lapel cards in English and Spanish and celluloid holders should be ordered on the Literature Order Blank. These are cash items.

◆ The Society is not arranging any convention tours. Those interested in details of assemblies overseas can write to the branch offices (not Brooklyn) for information. Branch office addresses appear in the back of the *Yearbook.*

◆ It is important for congregations that are incorporated to make sure that, if it is required by the state authorities that annual reports be made, this is done to ensure the continued existence of the corporation. There may also be a requirement that an annual request be made through some report for continued tax exemption. Lack of being alert as to these matters may cost congregations, not only legal existence of the corporation, but also tax-exempt status.

◆ There are still congregations unable to cover their assigned territory regularly. Also, in some areas congregations could be started with additional help from elders, ministerial servants and pioneers. We request that any whose circumstances would allow them to go elsewhere for a few weeks or on a permanent basis write the Society, supplying the information requested on page 135 of the *Organization* book. Please give your letter to the presiding overseer. He, along with the other committee members, will review it, and they will probably recommend that the branch office consider your availability. However, if anyone does not qualify, the service committee will kindly inform the applicant of the reasons why they cannot recommend him and they will not send the letter to the Society's office. (Same basic arrangement as outlined for pioneers, per page 137 of the *Organization* book)

◆ The two Jersey City, N.J., Spanish-language district assemblies, July 10-13 and 17-20, have been canceled by the management. These have been replaced by one Spanish-language district assembly at Elmont, N.Y., July 31–August 3, 1975. Please note that all of the district assemblies listed in the February 1, 1975, *Watchtower* will be held as scheduled with the exception of the above change and that there are only two English-language district assemblies at Elmont, N.Y., August 7-10 and 14-17.

◆ New Publications Available:

"Make Sure of All Things; Hold Fast to What Is Fine" —Efik, German, Italian

Sermon Outlines —Greek

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:

"Your Will Be Done on Earth" —English

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

The Watchtower bound volumes for 1974 —English, Spanish

Awake! bound volumes for 1974 —English, Spanish

Jehovah's Witnesses in the Divine Purpose —Spanish

From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Spanish

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	530	147.3	60.2	5.8	145.9
Pios.	20,666	93.1	35.7	3.1	95.7
Temp. Pios.	6,094	79.4	30.1	1.4	84.0
Pubs.	501,517	8.9	4.1	.5	13.1
TOTAL	528,807				

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HOW DID WE DO IN FEBRUARY?

The short month of February, with its usual adverse weather in various parts of the country and accompanying sickness, is behind us. Nonetheless, Jehovah has richly blessed our efforts. For example, during the months of January and February, 234,299 new subscriptions were obtained. Also, from September through February of the 1974 service year, there were, on an average, 18,559 regular pioneers. However, the average from September through February of the current service year is 21,032. Very fine, indeed! And, during that same period, 59,935 others arranged to share in temporary pioneer service.

Get the Spiritual Benefits

1 The circuit overseer is coming! When that announcement is made in your congregation it is something special. Everyone—elders and ministerial servants charged with responsibility in the congregation, all Kingdom publishers and the many new ones associated with the congregation—should begin to think of how this provision through Jehovah's organizational arrangement can be of spiritual benefit personally.

2 In the first century the Christian congregation and the traveling overseers looked forward to their opportunity to be together. (Rom. 1:11) Such a personal visit meant an opportunity to learn from an older brother in the Lord.

3 When the news reaches you that the circuit overseer is coming, it is a good time to think of your spiritual need. Is there something on which you would like to have spiritual help or counsel? In checking your service activity you may find that you have not been in the house-to-house work for several weeks. Is it because of some problem in making a presentation? Do you use the Bible in house-to-house service? The circuit overseer and his wife, if he is married, are doing this kind of work almost every day and have gained wonderful experience. So if you detect a need for improvement in your preaching work, plan on a definite time when you will be able to accompany one of the visitors in the field service.

4 Are you making return visits? Are you having any difficulties in starting home Bible studies? Especially in the afternoons there are excellent openings for making return visits with the circuit overseer or his wife. You may even enjoy having the circuit overseer or his wife conduct your home Bible study on this visit. This may be just the help you need.

5 Some of the publishers have found it possible to plan on doing temporary pioneer service at the time of the visit of the circuit overseer, and thus they are able to share in field service on more than one occasion during the visit.

6 The circuit overseers are older brothers who have some spiritual good things to impart in the meetings. Plan well ahead of time, keeping the dates clear, to be sure these spiritual benefits at meetings will not be missed. The congregation elders particularly have an opportunity to gain benefits from the visiting overseer. A definite

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Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the June Offer

1 Once again we have the pleasure of presenting the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* to people in our territory. During June we will offer it with the book *Is This Life All There Is?* for a contribution of $1.25. Here are a few suggestions you may want to try if you feel they would work in your territory.

2 If highlighting the Bible, you could say, after first identifying yourself: "Life is a very precious thing, isn't it? [Allow householder to answer.] Yes, we enjoy being alive even though we may have problems. And isn't it true that the more knowledge we gain about life and handling life's problems, the happier we are? The best source of counsel on how to cope with life's problems is God. We have his word in the Bible. But do you realize that God's Word shows that the right kind of knowledge not only helps us now, but even leads to everlasting life? Note Jesus' words at John 17:3. [Read.] Also, Jesus illustrated the need for us to put spiritual knowledge ahead of material needs at Matthew 4:4. [Read.] Our purpose is to encourage everyone to get the knowledge that leads to everlasting life. It is found right here in God's Word. [Show Bible.] We leave this modern-English translation, the *New World Translation,* along with this Bible study aid *Is This Life All There Is?,* for a contribution of only $1.25."

3 You may wish to highlight *Is This Life All There Is?* at some doors. It is easy to present and covers a variety of subjects. But here is a suggestion you could try, after identifying yourself to the householder: "Have you ever longed for good health, even perfect health, that would never leave you? [Allow householder to answer.] With perfect health, life could be so much more enjoyable. And did you know that God, at Revelation 21:1-4 in the Bible, promises us that the time will come when sickness and even death will vanish? [Briefly comment on verses 1-3 and lead into reading Revelation 21:4 if possible.] This is what people pray for when asking for God's kingdom to come and his will to be done on earth. Wouldn't you like to learn more about this wonderful promise? This new Bible study aid [show book] has an entire chapter with the title 'An Earth Free from Sickness and Death.' I am sure you will enjoy it. We leave it along with this modern-English Bible translation, both for only $1.25."

4 Of course, you may find other ways to present the offer for June that are successful in your territory, and, if you do, then use them. Also keep in mind other Bibles to offer, such as the *Diaglott, The Kingdom Interlinear Translation,* Byington's translation and the large-print edition of the *New World Translation.* When you make a return visit you may wish to show your own copy to someone who is interested. Also, some have found people who may be satisfied with their own Bible but who are interested in Bible study aids such as *"Make Sure of All Things,"* the *"All Scripture"* book or even the *Aid* book. So any of these excellent publications could be used in connection with the June campaign.

Get the Spiritual Benefits (*Cont'd*)

outline of points to be considered should be prepared in advance for the elders' meeting. If there are any problems to be overcome or things that the elders want to improve in the organization of the congregation or in the field, it will be a good time to raise these questions. Hence elders can wisely arrange time during the meeting for the circuit overseer to comment on points under consideration.

7 Congregation elders may wish to mention to the circuit overseer on the first day of his visit what they feel is needed in the way of help in their congregation. Thus the circuit overseer can take this into consideration in arranging his work during the week and may be able to aid some of those in the congregation who need it the most.

8 Use the visit to attract newly interested ones to the Kingdom Hall. The week of the visit should mean blessings to the organization in the field activity and in the congregational meetings. But beyond that, it can mean great personal spiritual blessings to every individual Kingdom publisher. Make the most of your opportunity and get the spiritual benefits.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ There are 11 English and 1 Spanish Kingdom Ministry School classes currently being conducted in U.S.A., with an average enrollment of 35 students for each two-week class. Since the School began rotating to various cities in May 1974, there are 226 cities where classes have already been held or are scheduled to be held through June 1976. From May 1974 through May 1975, 6,814 elders benefited from this special training. Since the School was started in September 1959, 30,870 persons in this country have been trained.

◆ On April 1, Watchtower Farms became a branch of the Watchtower B. & T. Society of New York, and now handles the printing of all the magazines that the Brooklyn office used to handle. All correspondence with the Society will continue to be addressed to 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201.

Question Box

● What is meant by the expression "qualified to teach" as a qualification for elders?

Teaching is done in a number of ways. Some are skilled speakers, able to teach from the platform. Others stand out for their ability to exhort and counsel individually or with family groups. In either case, the elder must have a good knowledge of the Scriptures, "holding firmly to the faithful word as respects his art of teaching, that he may be able both to exhort by the teaching that is healthful and to reprove those who contradict." This means being able to explain prophecy, teach sound doctrine and point out what the Bible says about morality and living according to Bible principles.—1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:9.

Overseers also teach by example. Jesus set the example for overseers during his earthly ministry. As he made disciples, he took them with him, showing them how the teaching work is done. (Matt. 9:35-38) After teaching them how to teach, he put them on their own to go and preach the Kingdom message in many places. (Matt. 10:7, 11-14) So it is a part of the teaching work of overseers to go into the field with members of the congregation and teach them how the work is done. New ones need to learn how to use the Bible from house to house and the teaching methods employed on return visits and in home Bible studies. This takes time.—See also Acts 20:20, 27, 35; 1 Corinthians 4:16; 1 Peter 5:3.

The practical overseer sees his opportunities to teach while in field service. Perhaps while walking between houses with a publisher there will be moments for conversation when questions can be answered or problems solved. Pointers can be given on how to improve in presenting the good news. The overseer has much teaching to do.—2 Tim. 2:2.

★ **Attend Every Session of the "Divine Sovereignty" Assembly.** ★

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KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

This is the month when the "Divine Sovereignty" District Assemblies begin. Which one will you be attending? There are over ninety in the United States, so one should be near your home. On each day, from Thursday through Sunday, the program will offer down-to-earth discussions to help all of us to conform more fully to Jehovah's ways, a fascinating Bible drama, and much "solid" spiritual food. Don't miss any of it!

We here at Bethel frequently have spiritual treats. On April 21, following our family study, we enjoyed meeting the students of Gilead's 59th class. They shared some heartwarming experiences with us. For example:

A couple from Hawaii related that one night they had earnestly prayed to "Yahweh" for him to bring them in touch with his people, if such a people existed. Within five minutes a Witness was at their door with the *Truth* book. They read it that very night and went to the Kingdom Hall the next day. As the wife said: "It is simply amazing how quickly Jehovah answered our prayer."

A student from the Near East told what happened when a brother was called up for national service: "When he explained to an official that his conscience would not permit him to take part, the official pointed his gun at the brother's head, demanding: 'To whom do you belong, to Jehovah or your country?' The brother answered: 'I belong to Jehovah.' The official removed the gun, and said: 'My congratulations. You are a man of integrity'; and he set him free." How heartwarming to hear of such examples of faithfulness!

In Vietnam our brothers have also been undergoing tests. We have heard that all eighteen missionaries got out of the country in ample time as the crest of the war moved toward Saigon. But, of course, over a hundred of our Vietnamese brothers and sisters are still there. Nothing that is not Communist can now be printed there, so, for the present, the Vietnamese *Watchtower* will not be available. But our brothers know Jehovah, and our prayer is that he will strengthen them to persist in a faithful course.

We remember all of you in our prayers, and send warm love.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Faithfulness—Our Way of Life

[1] "A God of faithfulness, with whom there is no injustice; righteous and upright is he." (Deut. 32:4) This is how Moses felt in singing a song of praise, extolling the lofty qualities of Jehovah. Our hearts feel the same way when we come to know Jehovah and the faithfulness he shows toward us. We want to imitate him. We want to make faithfulness to him our way of life. Our sentiments are the same as the apostle Paul's: "For to this end we are working hard and exerting ourselves, because we have rested our hope on a living God, who is a Savior of all sorts of men, especially of faithful ones."—1 Tim. 4:10.

[2] Faithfulness involves what we do every day, even in little things. Jesus said: "The person faithful in what is least is faithful also in much." (Luke 16:10) Our conduct in the community, the way we conduct ourselves at our secular work, the way we deal with others, all can attract people to the truth by way of our example. But do we go farther? Do we share in house-to-house witnessing as often as possible? Are we alert to witness to our workmates? To those met in traveling? To those who visit us? Jehovah is using his people to search out deserving ones in all the earth, and he sees to it that his people are brought in touch with good-hearted ones wherever they are. (Matt. 10:11-13) Thus, faithfulness will motivate us to use appropriate opportunities to preach.

[3] During June we will be featuring the *New World Translation* and the book *Is This Life All There Is?* on a contribution of $1.25. Since emphasis will be placed on Bible distribution in June, you may find it convenient to take along with you your copy of *The Kingdom Interlinear Translation,* or a *Diaglott,* and when you meet persons interested in the Bible, you can show these to them. Some may be interested in getting the large-print edition of the *New World Translation* or Byington's translation. Also, Bible study aids such as the *Aid* book and *"Make Sure of All Things"* might be just what some are looking for to help them in their studies. And remember to demonstrate faithfulness by making definite arrangements to return where interest is shown in an effort to start a Bible study, knowing that most persons need help and encouragement if they are to progress spiritually.

[4] Do you find that summer months go by very fast for you? They are busy months, but many have found that advance planning makes it possible to enlarge their opportunities to preach the good news. Perhaps you will find this to be the case also, as you think about ways to reach more people in your community with Jehovah's lifesaving message. Some have found that temporary pioneer service is just what they need. Young folks out of school often are able to spend several months as temporary pioneers. Those who look back on a summer spent in temporary pioneering often say that it afforded them some of the happiest experiences in their life. And even if you cannot be a temporary pioneer, favorable weather, longer daylight hours, vacation periods and other factors may permit you to spend additional time in preaching.

[5] "What is looked for in stewards is for a man to be found faithful,"

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★ **Persisting in Faithfulness as Our Way of Life.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JUNE 15

12 min: Song 9. In opening meeting, discuss Proverbs 28:20 and tie in need for faithfulness with discussion of Branch Letter.

12 min: "Faithfulness—Our Way of Life." Question-and-answer discussion.

24 min: Imitate the Faithfulness of Daniel. Speaker can develop Bible account and let audience answer questions.

Daniel was called by God a "very desirable man." (Dan. 10:11) How fine it is if God can say the same of us. And he does to certain faithful ones, for they are called "the desirable things of all the nations." (Hag. 2:7) By considering Daniel's faithful course we can build up our own faithfulness so that we can be "desirable" in God's eyes.

(1) Daniel reflected his earlier training in God's law when refusing as a youth to pollute himself with the delicacies of the king. (Dan. 1:8, 9) How is he an example for us today when some foods are known to be contaminated with blood or when one is under pressure to take a blood transfusion?

(2) Daniel never credited himself with wisdom. He did not look to his own ability. (Dan. 2:17, 18, 28-30) What does Daniel's example show about how to get true wisdom?

(3) Daniel was fearless but respectful in speaking of God's purposes when before King Belshazzar and his officials. (Dan. 5:22-28) How was Daniel an example in this regard for Christians today?

(4) Daniel was not at all ambitious for position, authority or power. He acknowledged Jehovah as the source of the revelations he received. He carried out his responsibilities thoroughly but impartially and did not use his position to bring him special privileges or favors. (Dan. 5:16, 17) How can a knowledge of what Daniel did help us all to have the right viewpoint?

(5) Daniel kept practicing true worship of God when mischief was framed by law against him. (Dan. 6:5-11) How might we be confronted with a similar situation? What does Daniel 6:5 show as to what our conduct should be? How does his deliverance give us confidence and assurance in the face of persecution?—Dan. 6:16-24.

(6) Daniel's long years of faithfulness resulted in the happy assurance of a resurrection. (Dan. 12:13) How is this a comfort to us?—Heb. 6:10-12.

In discussing the above points, all or part of the scriptures cited may be read, as time allows. The discussion can then be centered around the scriptures.

12 min: Concluding comments. Devote a few minutes to encouraging all to attend the district assembly all four days to enjoy the full benefit of the program. Tell briefly of arrangements made, as discussed under Announcements, for getting reports on the highlights of the assembly program when reviewed on the service meeting. Include brief accounts report and other Announcements that are appropriate for congregation. Song 78.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 22

15 min: Song 65. Introduction and brief talk on need to show loyalty to all our brothers now and when times may be difficult, based on example of loyalty of Jonathan and David.—1 Sam. 18:1-3; 19:1-7; 20:1-42; see *Aid* book, pages 957, 958.

18 min: "They Will All Be Taught by Jehovah." Enthusiastic talk on *1975 Yearbook*, p. 144 ¶3 to p. 168 ¶1. Tell the story, though every point cannot be covered. Emphasize that now, as in the past, God's servants enjoy divine direction in their activities and are "taught by Jehovah." (Isa. 54:13; John 6:45) The following questions can be used in presenting the material and, as time permits, a few can be answered by the audience: (1) God's people expected what to happen in 1925, and how did faithful ones react when those expectations were not fulfilled? (P. 146) (2) Eager to be "taught by Jehovah," what did the Bible Students eventually do about Christmas and other holidays? (P. 147) (3) Advancement in understanding led to what change in viewpoint regarding the cross? (Pp. 148, 149) (4) How did Jehovah make his people aware of the significance of Isaiah 43:12, especially in the year 1931? And how did A. H. Macmillan express himself about what took place that year in connection with the convention at Columbus, Ohio? (Pp. 149-151) (5) During the Great Depression, how did Jehovah's witnesses use bartering methods at times to spread Scriptural truth? (Pp. 152, 153) (6) Jehovah's spirit made his people fearless during the divisional campaigns. What were those campaigns like? (Pp. 153, 154) (7) In 1935, what was learned about the "great multitude," or "great crowd," of Revelation chapter seven? (P. 156) (8) How was Kingdom-preaching done with sound cars? (Pp. 157, 158) (9) The phonograph work was carried on in what way? (Pp. 158, 159) (10) Beginning in 1940, how was street work done, and with what public reaction to it? (Pp. 160-164) (11) In 1932, 1937 and 1938, what changes were made in filling positions of responsibility within the Christian congregation? (Pp. 164-166) (12) How did zone service strengthen Jehovah's people? (Pp. 167, 168)

Speaker can point out that God's people are continually being taught by Jehovah. God is directing them in their preaching work and their congregational activities, even as he did in past years. Hence, as individuals, we have reason to appreciate the instruction and direction we are receiving from Jehovah through his organization.

15 min: Talk based on article "Protect, Build Up the Congregation Through Loyalty."

12 min: Discussion, with some comments from audience, on article "Reaching All with the Good News." Concluding comments. Song 61.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 29

15 min: Song 84. After warm introduction, discuss opening article in current issue of *The Watchtower*, showing how article can benefit us personally and how it can be used in placing issue in field service.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With the *'Eternal Purpose'* Book." Discuss the two suggested presentations and demonstrate one as time permits.

18 min: Talk on article appearing in May 1, 1975, issue of *The Watchtower*, "How Do You Accept Counsel?" Have audience read some scriptures and make comments on them.

12 min: Discussion of Question Box, and concluding comments. Song 94.

WEEK STARTING JULY 6

10 min: Song 58. In introducing meeting, discuss briefly Matthew 5:16 and James 1:17, showing how good works bring glory to our heavenly Father and work assignments are really a gift from Jehovah.

15 min: Talk on article in May 15, 1975, issue of *The Watchtower*, "Do You Willingly Accept Humble Tasks?"

18 min: Be Workers like Jehovah and Jesus. Talk, with comments from audience on scriptures and points selected by speaker from the material on "Work," pages 1670 and 1671 of *Aid*.

17 min: Results of Informal Witnessing. Experiences from publishers showing what good results come from being alert to witness at every appropriate opportunity. Should be selected in advance. Perhaps some have had good experiences in witnessing en route to and from assembly. If local experiences are not available, some can be selected from the *Yearbook*. Concluding comments. Song 39.

Faithfulness *(Cont'd)*

says Paul. (1 Cor. 4:2) This applies to men such as elders in the congregation, but we all want to be found faithful in caring for our commissioned work of preaching the good news. We feel a keen responsibility toward all the people in our assigned territory. How much more time we have for preaching the good news before the outbreak of the "great tribulation," we cannot say. We know we are deep into the time of the end and the time is very short. But Jehovah's people are resolved to continue preaching as long as he holds the way open. Their faithfulness in preaching is resulting in many more taking their stand for true worship and preparing for surviving the "great tribulation." Jehovah's promise at Psalm 101:6 is reassuring: "My eyes are upon the faithful ones of the earth, that they may dwell with me. The one walking in a faultless way, he it is who will minister to me." Comforting also are his words: "But as for the righteous one, by his faithfulness he will keep living."—Hab. 2:4.

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	542	147.7	63.5	5.6	150.1
Pios.	20,580	99.9	39.5	3.1	102.1
Temp. Pios.	9,294	79.4	24.6	1.3	87.1
Pubs.	508,564	9.6	4.6	.5	14.2
TOTAL	538,980				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 5,563

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN MARCH?

In harmony with the March theme, "Imitate God by Showing Mercy for Mankind," 538,980 shared in field service, 31,279 more than last March. The month was climaxed with the Memorial and special talk in 6,929 congregations. Thousands assembled with us for the first time and we rejoice now to be able to help them grow strong in faith.

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Protect, Build Up the Congregation Through Loyalty

1 Those who are reaching out for responsibility in the congregation, and everyone else who wants to please God, need to cultivate loyalty. What a fine quality loyalty is! This is especially true when it is combined with love, when it is true loyal love. "A true companion is loving all the time, and is a brother that is born for when there is distress."—Prov. 17:17.

2 Loyalty is regarded, in the English language, as faithful adherence to a sovereign or government, or to a leader or cause, but the Bible shows that more is involved; it is kindness that lovingly attaches itself to an object until its purpose in connection with that object is realized. Adversities do not cause one to abandon the deep friendship based on loyal love. Only unfaithfulness, really disloyalty, causes a breaking of this strong tie.

3 Of Jehovah it is said by those in his presence: "You alone are loyal." (Rev. 15:4) Humans cannot begin to match Jehovah's perfect and balanced loyalty, but we can seek to imitate his lofty example. (Eph. 5:1) We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:10, 11) Within the Christian congregation we are drawn together in a loving loyalty to Jehovah and to one another. "True righteousness and loyalty" are included in the new Christian personality.—Eph. 4:24.

4 Elders are to be "loyal" in an exemplary way as they shepherd the flock. (Titus 1:8, 9) Loyal love toward Jehovah will impel them not only to be exemplary in shouldering their responsibilities, but to stand alongside their faithful fellow servants when these are reproached or faced with trials. Their work is to uphold Jehovah's name in the congregation and before the community. (2 Cor. 7:1) In giving counsel, they are obligated to stick to the faithful Word of God. They are always to be on the alert to see that uncleanness, false teachings and divisions are not allowed in the congregation.

5 Loyal love will cause us to overlook the unintentional sins and weaknesses of one another, "because love covers a multitude of sins." (1 Pet. 4:8) On the other hand, loyalty to God will help us to avoid misplaced loyalty, the tendency to support others, particularly close friends, even if they are doing wrong. In ancient Israel, those who were witnesses to wrongdoing were to tell the elders what they knew, in order to avoid sharing the blame for a possible wrong decision.—Lev. 5:1.

6 Accordingly, if you know about real wrongdoing—if persons are

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Reaching All with the Good News

1 With the beginning of summer, special efforts are suggested to reach those parts of the territory that may not have been covered recently. This will include rural territory for many congregations. In urban assignments, certain sections or maybe the business territory may need attention. Under the supervision of the field overseer, perhaps group work may be planned to cover all this territory during the summer months. Can you share in this special effort?

2 In working rurals and small towns that are some distance away, many have found it possible to spend long days in the field service. This gets the maximum accomplished after spending time traveling to the territory. Some groups have taken along a picnic lunch to eat after their morning service and before spending several hours more in the field service in the afternoon. Many fine experiences have been enjoyed by those who have arranged to share in covering territory worked less frequently. Do not forget that in the summertime there may be vegetables and other items to trade if some desire to have the literature but do not have the money.

3 In rural territory where the distance between houses is often great, it is advisable to keep the car groups small. Where a small town is to be worked, part of the car group might be left off there, along with a quantity of literature, while the others work the scattered territory.

4 When interested ones are located, plans should be made to visit them again in an effort to start a Bible study. If studies cannot be conducted every week, a group might go into an area every two weeks to conduct the studies started. The Bible study overseer might coordinate this as needed. Jehovah's blessing can be expected on these special efforts to reach people with the good news in the "byways" of our territory assignment.

Suggested Presentation

God's Promise of Everlasting Life

John 17:3—Right kind of knowledge leads to everlasting life.

Matt. 4:4 or Rev. 21:1-4—Word of God is 'food' for life. In New System, even death and causes for sorrow removed.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for June: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (bi12) and *Is This Life All There Is?*, for $1.25. For July: *"Eternal Purpose"* book, for 25c. For August: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached,* for 50c.

◆ Congregation accounts should be audited during June for the past three months, March, April and May.

◆ Anyone enrolled in the Theocratic Ministry School who desires a copy of the *Organization* book for himself may obtain one for a contribution of 25c.

◆ The elders may wish to arrange in advance for brothers and sisters, either individually or through book study groups, to give a report on the service meeting on certain aspects of the convention program that impressed them. Having in mind the following aspects may be helpful in making notes: (a) Counsel and examples designed to benefit families. (Parents may wish to comment on this.) (b) Points for those reaching out for greater responsibilities. (Elders, ministerial servants and brothers not yet appointed may wish to watch for these.) (c) Qualities that we personally need to cultivate in order to please Jehovah. (Some young publishers could be assigned.) (d) How the program enhanced our appreciation for Jehovah's sovereignty. (e) The attitude that we should have toward people who are not in the truth. (f) Other outstanding points and experiences. (All can share in reporting on the last three points.)

◆ New identification cards have been prepared. It is requested that these be issued to all baptized Kingdom publishers. When you issue the new identification cards, please have the publishers return the old ones. The old ones will then be destroyed by the congregations. The identification cards no longer carry a blood-transfusion declaration on the back. A separate card entitled "No Blood Transfusion" has been prepared and those who wish to carry such cards may obtain them through the congregation. These two cards can be ordered by the congregations with the regular literature orders at a rate of two for one cent.

◆ New Publications Available:
God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached —Dutch, Finnish, Spanish, Swedish
Is This Life All There Is? —Chinese, Dutch, Swedish
Paradise Restored to Mankind—By Theocracy! —Finnish, Swedish
Human Plans Failing as God's Purpose Succeeds —Dutch, Finnish, German

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:
Is the Bible Really the Word of God? —Chinese

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
1975 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses —German, Italian, Japanese

◆ *An American Translation,* by Smith and Goodspeed, is no longer available from the Society. This Bible is out of stock permanently.

◆ The Society will very much appreciate it if the brothers will send in their renewals for *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* through the congregation rather than sending them directly. This will save postage for the publishers, and the mail can be processed more quickly in the office.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the "Eternal Purpose" Book

1 Having just completed the study of the *"Eternal Purpose"* book at the congregation book studies, you know the value of it and can point out some of its fine features as you speak to others about it in July when this book will be offered. How can this best be done?

2 You know that people in general have little idea of God's original purpose for the earth and humans. In fact, if they believe in God at all, many feel that God has left man to work things out in the earth, whether for good or for bad. In view of this, you may find it best in your territory to avoid asking people at the very outset of your presentation how they think on these points, which likely would result in a negative reply. Better results may be obtained by stating matters positively and then getting the householder's opinion. Here is a suggested presentation, after a friendly introduction:

3 "The Bible shows that God had a definite purpose in mind in creating the earth and placing man upon it. Peace, happiness and plenty were to be enjoyed by all. Would you not like to see these conditions here on the earth? [Pause for reply, if householder is inclined. Whether he does so or not, you usually will be able to continue as follows.] It has been centuries since the first human pair lost perfection due to sinning against God, but God has not forgotten his purpose for the earth; and he has not been slow in developing it. Note what the Bible has to say on this at 2 Peter 3:9 [read].

4 "So God, in permitting some time to elapse, has really allowed opportunity for us to learn about his purpose and to do the things required by him if we are to live in the restored paradise. Did you know that time is running out and that the Bible indicates that soon God will sweep away unrighteousness and establish a whole new system of things? [If person is listening well and it seems appropriate, you might add: "See how this is confirmed a few verses later, at 2 Peter 3:13 (read)." Otherwise, go right to the book presentation.]

5 "This book, *God's 'Eternal Purpose' Now Triumphing for Man's Good,* discusses in detail how God's purpose to restore an earthly paradise will be fulfilled, and how you personally can benefit from this grand purpose. We offer this book on a small contribution of 25 cents."

6 Another approach might be to use the table of contents of the *"Eternal Purpose"* book. Hand a copy to the householder and let him read the titles of certain chapters as you point them out and say a few words of explanation. "The title of the first chapter is reassuring, isn't it?—'We Are Within the Purpose of a Loving Creator.' After telling something of the grand qualities of God as Creator, the book shows how he got the first man and woman off to a fine start in the paradise of Eden. We learn how Adam and Eve lost this paradise home, not only for themselves, but also for their offspring, including us. But right after this God stated his 'eternal purpose' to do away with the effects of sin and death. The book traces the history of this developing purpose to the coming of Christ, and shows how we can benefit from the provisions made through him. God's purpose to have perfect men and women on earth serving him forever will not go unfulfilled. We invite you to obtain this book so you can read how you personally can live in God's paradise earth, soon to be a reality. This copy can be yours for just 25 cents."

7 You may prefer to use another approach that you have found effective. The important thing is to appeal to the heart.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Hong Kong's Memorial attendance, 1,228; only 765 last year.

◆ Japan passed 30,000 mark for first time, with 30,111 publishers in March.

◆ Papua New Guinea reports 634 publishers in March; ninth peak in 12 months.

◆ New branch in Tahiti reports 54-percent increase. During March, 307 in field service.

Question Box

• What are some factors to have in mind in arranging for a wedding ceremony at the Kingdom Hall?

It is assumed that a couple desiring to have their wedding at the Kingdom Hall wish to put the emphasis on the spiritual aspects of the wedding. When elders on the service committee grant permission for the use of the Kingdom Hall, it is expected that the hall will not be rearranged beyond simple changes the elders approve of. For example, some adjustments in the seating arrangements may be advisable if the chairs are movable, flowers may be desired, and so forth.

As to a rehearsal, the elders may wish to permit such if it is held at a time that does not interfere with congregation activities. This can aid those in the wedding party to familiarize themselves with the procedure they will follow at the wedding. But reasonableness should also be exercised as to the extent and elaborateness of rehearsals.

If the couple desires that a brief announcement be made at a congregation meeting of the time of their wedding as an event that will take place at the Kingdom Hall, this may be done. Those hearing the announcement can, of course, decide personally whether or not they desire to attend. (In making wedding arrangements, a review of the January 15, 1969, and May 1, 1974, issues of *The Watchtower* will be helpful.)

Loyalty *(Cont'd)*

carrying on acts that could result in disfellowshiping—you should in true loyalty help the elders with all the factual information you have. This is not "squealing," as it is known in the old world. In love for such ones, you may first choose to admonish that they go to the elders themselves and reveal their wrong, but they should understand that, if they do not go, you will do so. Really, it is loyalty to erring ones to help the elders to know the full circumstances so that needed help can be given, with a view to aiding the erring ones not to lose out on everlasting life.

7 Loyalty to God, coupled with the counsel of his Word, provides a climate of understanding and respect in which our relationships with one another can grow. It can help to keep us from imposing our conscience on others in personal tastes where there is no violation of Scriptural principles involved. For example, only where matters go to the extreme in clothing styles or grooming and things of this nature might the elders feel the need to provide Scriptural advice.

8 Loyalty to God and to our brothers brings peace and a good conscience to us. It promotes greater love and loyalty on the part of others and the smile of approval from God. Congregation prayers will be heard and answered by him. (1 Tim. 2:8) With the good spirit that loyalty promotes, we can have greater freeness of speech toward God and toward men.—Heb. 4:16.

★ **Use All Opportunities to Preach the Good News.** ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

When one thinks of the United States, one thinks of an English-speaking country, and, of course, it is. But, interestingly, there are more than 36,000 publishers in our Spanish congregations too. We ship a tremendous amount of literature from Brooklyn to Spanish congregations all over this country, and, next to the English, the quantity of Spanish literature far exceeds anything else. You will be interested in knowing too that we have quite a few French and Italian congregations in the country, and a lot of literature in these languages is placed, not only by publishers who speak French or Italian, but by others when they meet people who would appreciate it. In addition to this, we ship out quite a bit of German, Greek and Portuguese literature. And the brothers who write the invoices here are amazed at the large quantities of Japanese and Chinese literature that continually go out for use in the field. These eight are the principal languages, other than English, that are used in the United States right now. It certainly is good to know that people coming from other countries are being reached and provided with literature in their own tongue.

Everyone has heard about recent events in Vietnam. A few of our Vietnamese brothers and sisters were able to leave as refugees and have come to America. Brothers in this country offered to sponsor them, and we understand that all of them have been cared for. Others, of course, remain in Vietnam. We are now trying to get into the camps housing those who left their country as refugees, to present these people with Bible literature or at least to give them talks. We have loving concern for these people who speak other languages.

You will be interested in knowing that Brother M. G. Henschel is on a trip to serve the branches in the northern part of Europe. He has visited Iceland, Ireland and England, and in all of these countries the Kingdom work is progressing nicely. Things are changing in Ireland. Many now have an ear to hear. Regardless of the language, the nationality, the location, Jehovah's people are very much interested in getting the good news preached everywhere.

We hope that you are going to have an excellent time at the convention, if you have not already attended one, and may Jehovah's rich blessing go with all of you.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Meetings Keep Us Together

1 Nothing can be more important than preserving a good relationship with Jehovah and our brothers. Meetings play a vital role in doing that. Now, more so than ever, 'gathering ourselves together' is a custom we cannot afford to forsake. —Heb. 10:25.

2 A good relationship with Jehovah depends on the way we worship him. Mere passive worship has never been acceptable. Every requirement of pure worship involves "earnest effort." (2 Pet. 1:5) Attending meetings is one of the ways we make that effort.

3 Our meetings are designed to teach us about Jehovah and to help us to understand his will more clearly. It pleases him when we take a keen interest in learning. Faithfully returning to weekly meetings can be likened to an often-repeated petition to Jehovah, saying, "Instruct me . . . in your way." (Ps. 27:11) When all assume the role of humble learners before him, it is his good pleasure to reveal himself intimately for our blessing.

4 Our verbal expression in meetings constitutes a "public declaration of our hope" and this is pleasing to him. (Heb. 10:23; 13:16) The never-ending study of his marvelous qualities shows him our desire to imitate them in our own lives. (Eph. 5:1) This effort to "draw close to God" through meetings elicits his goodwill and helps to establish firmly the basis for an enduring friendship.—Jas. 4:8.

5 Meetings also draw us close to our brothers. The wholesome atmosphere is conducive to the ways of peace. Minds are filled with godly thoughts that produce a unifying display of the fruits of God's spirit. Strong ties with others are readily formed when reverence before Jehovah minimizes feelings of personal importance. A sharing of common interests dispells distrust ordinarily separating those from differing backgrounds. Our very presence is a gesture inviting friendship. An effort to share with others what we have learned confirms our love for them and our desire to see them obtain Jehovah's blessing.

6 As we increase the number of acquaintances among our brothers, we are rewarded with a greater appreciation for the "entire association" of brothers around the world. (1 Pet. 5:9) The better we get to know them, the stronger our confidence becomes in their love for us. When difficulties threaten, we feel no dread, knowing that our brothers care and will do all they can to help us. In times of stress, these bonds help the weak to be strong and all to endure hardship. (Eccl. 4:11, 12) Each one's faith is made more firm by the constant "interchange of encouragement." (Rom. 1:11, 12) What other provision has contributed so much to the joy and unity of Jehovah's people?

7 Many blessings have come to us because we have made the effort to preserve good relations with Jehovah and our brothers. Constant instruction has made us, religiously speaking, the best-informed people in the world. We know our God as we know a close

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★ **Preserve Good Relations and Communication Through Meetings.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING JULY 13

10 min: Song 5. Introduction, comment on Branch Letter.

15 min: "How Do You View Confidential Matters?" Talk, with audience participation by means of comments and reading of texts.

18 min: "Meetings Keep Us Together." Questions and answers. Encourage those taking vacations to plan on attending some meetings in the locality they visit. Emphasize importance of attending the district assembly, for any who have not yet done so.

17 min: Get to Know Your Brothers and Sisters. We can learn many upbuilding things about our brothers and sisters. Knowing these things can help us to appreciate fellow Christians more, drawing us closer; strengthens bond of unity.

Three or four selected in advance relate their background in the truth. May choose ones who have recently moved into congregation, having become Witnesses elsewhere, or ones who learned truth years ago. How did they come in contact with the truth? What especially caught their attention or impressed them? What help did they receive? Did they have to overcome a certain problem or attitude? Why are they now happy that they did?

Give warm encouragement to become acquainted with one another. Knowing our brothers allows us to benefit from their experience and Christian qualities. Concluding comments, including brief accounts report. Song 39.

WEEK STARTING JULY 20

Teaching That Reaches the Heart

17 min: Song 10. Introductory comments on meeting theme. Talk based on January 8, 1975, *Awake!* article "The Art of Persuasion." Cover material under subheadings "Logic a Basic Requirement" and "Apply the Golden Rule!" Some persons allow emotion to dominate their thinking. Aggressive tactics may win an argument, but the real objective, winning the individual, is lost. Explain how application of the "Golden Rule" can help to change thinking of others. Offer suggestions on applying this in dealing with a common subject of discussion in your territory.

13 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Warm Appeal from the Heart." Discuss with audience. Include experiences of some who have enjoyed good results by displaying warm sincerity in their preaching work.

20 min: Teaching Others to Appreciate God's Ways. Talk; do not just present facts but show how we can teach a new person to reason on God's past and future dealings.

Necessary to gain God's viewpoint, recognizing that his ways are perfect. (*is* 92, 93; Isa. 40:14; 55:9; Deut. 32:4) Persons should view his past acts in the light of what is known of God's qualities. (*is* 93-97; Deut. 9:5; Ezek. 33:11; Job 34:10, 12) We can be confident that his future dealings will be just, righteous, perfect. (*is* 100; w75 279, 280; 2 Pet. 3:9; John 5:30; Rev. 19:1, 2; Isa. 11:2-5) While we have yet much to learn about what Jehovah will do and why, we can rest assured that his ways will be perfect.

10 min: Concluding comments. Comment on how Bible was designed to reveal the heart condition of those hearing its message. (w75 148, par. 27; *ad* 1287, pars. 3-6) Ask all to bring *Thousand Years* book next week. Song 68.

WEEK STARTING JULY 27

10 min: Song 4. Introduction and brief remarks on Theocratic News and, if it applies to your congregation, the Question Box.

25 min: Scriptural discussion. Matthew Chapter 24—Extraordinary Prophecy That Has Meaning for Us. Audience discussion. May read selected brief portions from *Thousand Years* (*ka*) book.

(1) Since Matt. 24 applied in period up to 70 C.E., how do we know it has application now? (Prophecy of Rev. 6:1-8, written after 70 C.E., parallels Matt. 24:6-8 and shows it has future application.) (*is* 122-128) Jerusalem's destruction was not worst catastrophe in history. (Matt. 24:21; *ka* 304, par. 28; w75 274, par. 10) "All the tribes of the earth" were not involved in 70 C.E. (Matt. 24:30; w75 273, par. 5) (2) Is the warning in vs. 23 merely repeating vss. 4, 5? (Applied after Jerusalem's end, not before.) (Matt. 24:20-22; *ka* 320, pars. 58, 59) Disciples had no need to be misled, for presence would not be revealed to just a select few. (Matt. 24:24-27; *ka* 320, 321, pars. 60, 61) (3) How have heavens been darkened in our time? (Is a time of gloom, with no bright outlook for men in general.) (Matt. 24:29; *ka* 324, par. 68) Heavens no longer seem benign, but contain dangers. (*ka* 325, par. 70; w75 276, par. 18) (4) Has "sign of the Son of man" (Matt. 24:30) already occurred since 1914? (This is not the "sign" of Jesus' presence; Matt. 24:3) Applies to "coming" at end of system. (*ka* 327, par. 74) (5) How is period of Jesus' presence like "days of Noah"? (Matt. 24:37) (Presence extends over period of time.) (*ka* 333, par. 5) Jesus was not emphasizing violence that was before Flood, but faithlessness and absorption in daily affairs by majority of people. (Matt. 24:38, 39; *ka* 334, par. 6) (6) Why did Jesus not give us a specific date for finale of the system? (This allows us to prove whether we have faith and are zealous for the work God has given us.) (Matt. 24:43, 44)

15 min: Preparing to offer the book *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*. Preparation helps us to be much more effective. A brief presentation that includes the reading of an appropriate scripture directly from the Bible usually gets best results; may help you reach the heart of a sincere person in search of the truth. After introducing yourself, you could say: "God's approaching kingdom is the main theme of the entire Bible." Thereafter, you could make any one of the following statements: "Jesus said that those who sincerely appreciate spiritual things will be richly blessed by that kingdom. [Read Matt. 5:3.] . . ." "Jesus taught his followers to make this kingdom the most important thing in their lives. [Read Matt. 6:33.] . . ." "Jesus described this hope as a treasure worth more than anything else we could possess. [Read Matt. 13:44.] . . ." Then, offer the book, perhaps calling attention to the purpose for which it is dedicated as mentioned on page 5. Other suggested presentations can be found in the October 1973 *Kingdom Ministry*. Review and demonstrate one or two that might be used effectively in your territory. Encourage all to share in distribution during August.

10 min: Concluding comments. Song 13.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 3

15 min: Song 14. Introduction. Talk on "Presiding in a Fine Manner." Show how this is a desirable quality in those seeking to qualify as elders as well as in all husbands and fathers.

30 min: Review of the "Divine Sovereignty" Assembly. (Note: Congregations attending early in July can schedule this on an earlier meeting, adjusting the program as necessary.) Follow the outline suggested under Announcements in the June *Kingdom Ministry*. Participants should be prepared in advance to offer specific, upbuilding information.

15 min: "Salvation Belongs to Jehovah." Discussion of *1975 Yearbook*, p. 168, par. 2, through p. 190, par. 4. Have a few publishers prepared to relate in their own words points from the material. Do not stress the violence experienced by God's people. Rather, point out that we must realistically acknowledge that Satan does stir up persecution. Nevertheless, Christians can have confidence that God will deliver his servants because "salvation belongs to Jehovah." (Ps. 3:8)

(1) As shown in the booklet *Loyalty*, why do Jehovah's witnesses refuse to salute the flag? (Pp. 168, 169) (2) What were Kingdom Schools, and why and for how long did they function? (Pp. 170-172) (3) Why could May 3, 1943, well be called a "field day" for Jehovah's witnesses in their legal fight? (Pp. 179, 180) (4) What did violent foes do during the 1939 Madison Square Garden convention, and what was the outcome? (Pp. 180-182) (5) How did the 1940 mob violence at Connersville, Indiana, give evidence that Jehovah aids his people when persecuted? (Pp. 186-188) (6) What experience did Jehovah's witnesses have at the hands of persecutors at Winnsboro, Texas, in 1942? (Pp. 188-190) (7) How can Christians endure brutal persecution? (P. 190) Concluding comments. Song 31.

APRIL SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	**536**	**148.5**	**60.7**	**5.8**	**154.2**
Pios.	**20,302**	**102.3**	**38.7**	**3.2**	**108.7**
Temp. Pios.	**17,942**	**79.8**	**23.9**	**1.3**	**100.0**
Pubs.	**501,670**	**9.8**	**4.3**	**.5**	**15.0**
TOTAL	**540,450**				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,357

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN APRIL?

How wonderful to learn of the excellent number attending the Memorial this year—1,248,641 in the United States! That is 66,529 more than the previous peak attendance of 1974. Partakers were 4,610—down 97, or 2 percent, compared to last year. Our hope for the many new ones who attended Memorial is that they will continue to show appreciation for God's mercy toward them.

Also, there were 20,205 more publishers than last April. Though not a new peak, it is a fine increase. Total subscriptions during the four-month *Watchtower* campaign came to 485,299. By making return visits on subscribers, likely many new Bible studies can be started.

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Presiding in a Fine Manner

1 In outlining the qualifications for an overseer, the Bible says that one way he is to be exemplary is in "presiding over his own household in a fine manner." That is reasonable, for if he "does not know how to preside over his own household, how will he take care of God's congregation?" (1 Tim. 3:4, 5) Of course, all Christian fathers, whether overseers or not, should sense the need to preside over their families in a fine manner. What is involved?

2 With regard to his wife, it certainly would mean being a kind and loving husband. (Eph. 5:25, 28, 33) When dealt with in that manner, a wife—even an unbeliever—likely will respond with cooperation and affection. Yet, in certain households, a wife may oppose her husband or follow an immoral course. (Matt. 10:36) Does that mean that he is failing to preside in a fine manner? If the husband genuinely is applying to the best of his ability God's counsel for husbands, his wife's choosing a course of badness need not be understood as a failure on his part. (Jer. 3:20; Ezek. 16:8, 20) For any husband, though, to be presiding in a fine manner, it should be evident that he is doing his best to apply God's counsel.

3 We can appreciate that a father who is presiding in a fine manner exerts himself to guide and care for his children. Much time and attention are involved in properly instructing them, aiding them both to love and fear Jehovah and to conduct themselves in an upright way. (Ps. 78:5-7; 34:11; Eph. 6:4) He cannot be neglecting them because he is more interested in working with or helping other people, or because he feels that his children will automatically "come out all right."

4 But what if, despite his fine efforts, a son or a daughter commits a wrong act or goes completely wayward? It does not necessarily mean that the father is at fault. Some of Jehovah's spirit sons rebelled and so did his first two children on earth. And we definitely know that Jehovah was not negligent. So if a family member of an overseer does take a bad course, the question is, To what extent does the father bear responsibility? Perhaps, when the parents learned the truth, the youngster was already a teen-ager and never did become a believer. Has the father done all that reasonably could be expected of a Christian family head? If so, the delinquency of one or more members would not necessarily disqualify him from being an overseer.

5 What praise goes to Jehovah when Christian family heads have success in presiding in a fine manner, resulting in "having believing children that [are] not under a charge of debauchery nor unruly"! (Titus 1:6) These sons and daughters are a blessing from Jehovah and they contribute to blessing Him.—Ps. 127:3-5.

How Do You View Confidential Matters?

1 As Christians we have many fine things that we can enjoy discussing—Scriptural points, experiences, conventions. Still, the Bible shows that some self-control is necessary regarding what we talk about. (Ps. 34:13; Prov. 10:19) We would not, for example, want to be slanderously spreading harmful talk or be one who indiscriminately tells everything he hears.—Prov. 20:19.

2 We are open and honest people, not suspiciously secretive. But some matters are confidential and we should not discuss them without authorization. This may not be easy, for we might be tempted with the impulse to share with a friend a confidential matter we learned. Also, it takes discipline not to try to pry confidential information from others.—Judg. 16:15-17.

3 What are some areas where this is so? *Family:* In the confidence of your family you may learn of a family member's weakness or private plans. Yet, husband, wife and children should not publicly converse about everything that happens or is planned in the family. (Ps. 50:20) One aspect of family love is that one's family members are trustworthy. This is something that parents can help children to learn. *Employment:* Revealing your employer's business details or plans could cause him financial harm. *Congregation:* Elders maintain confidence about problems they handle, for if someone confided in an elder about a spiritual or family problem and he talked about it publicly, others might hesitate to seek help from any elder. (Jas. 5:13-16) Even if, out of curiosity, his wife or child asked, an elder should not reveal confidential congregational matters. Thus he avoids burdening his family with keeping confidence on such congregation matters. (*Watchtower,* April 1, 1971, pp. 222-224)

4 Having this view of confidential matters, we can concentrate on speech that is upbuilding, helpful.—Prov. 25:9; 16:13.

Announcements

- Literature offer for July: *"Eternal Purpose"* book, for 25c. August: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached,* for 50c. September: *Evolution* book, for 25c.

- Beginning in September, circuit overseers will give the public talk "Precious to God Are the Loyal Ones." District overseers will speak on the subject "How the Kingdom of God Affects You."

- With the July statements, all congregations will be sent the presiding overseer's yearly report form as well as forms needed for use in submitting new recommendations for appointments.

- New Publications Available:
  Is This Life All There Is? —Norwegian
  God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —Spanish

- Available Again in U.S.A.:
  From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Portuguese, Thai
  "Your Will Be Done on Earth" —Spanish

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  1975 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses —French, Korean
  The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Romanian, Russian
  The Watchtower and *Awake!* bound volumes for 1974 —French

Meetings Keep Us Together (*Cont'd*)

friend, appreciating all the good things about him that have won our respect. Cultivating the fruits of his spirit in our lives has brought deep personal satisfaction as well as an assured hope for the future. With so many evidences of his goodwill, we have proof that Jehovah really does care for us.—1 Pet. 5:7.

8 We are happy when we are with our brothers, secure in the company of those genuinely at peace. No more are we drained by tension and competition that accompany the pursuit of selfish interests. We can warmly welcome new ones, showing genuine hospitality. From our own experience, we can testify that love is indeed "a perfect bond of union."—Col. 3:14.

9 Besides the regular meetings that we enjoy each week, many of us will be refreshed by one of the "Divine Sovereignty" assemblies during July. Anticipating the blessings to be enjoyed, who would think of not attending? Do you not feel grateful to Jehovah for these abundant spiritual provisions at a time when we have such a great need? When do we feel closer to him and our brothers than we do at meetings? How fitting that we conclude every meeting with a prayer of heartfelt thanks, then go home "joyful and feeling good at heart."—2 Chron. 7:10.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With Warm Appeal from the Heart

[1] A conversation that is open, honest, sincere, straightforward, we call a "heart-to-heart" talk. When each one is convinced that the other is sincere, there is a wholesome interchange. (Rom. 1:12) Good communication and better relations result because the heart responds to a warm appeal that is genuine. Inner emotions are touched, favorably influencing thoughts and actions. Sharing the good news with such a warm appeal is an ideal goal.

[2] Reaching another's heart depends largely on what is in your own heart. Ask yourself: Is my motive one of love, an unselfish interest in others? When I call at a home, am I there because I want to be, not just because I feel it is my duty? (1 Cor. 9:16) Do I feel a desire to help people? Is my attitude one of joy? Others are quick to sense our motives, and this profoundly affects their response to what we say.

[3] Your manner of approach is also important. It is a reflection of your feelings. A householder's opinion of the good news may be formed primarily on his impression of you as an individual. What kind of person does your manner show you to be?

[4] A warm smile suggests a pleasant friend, while a stern look causes apprehension. Confidence is respected, but an overconfident, overbearing attitude repels. The ear will *hear* a businesslike tone of voice but is more likely to *listen* to one that is warm, inviting. A person will open up more freely in a conversational chat than he will in a formal discussion. Many times a less fluent person will achieve better results than someone eloquent. Why? Because, even though not especially fluent, he may speak sincerely from the heart. Sincerity of heart contributes toward a free flow of Jehovah's spirit. A modest, well-groomed appearance adds dignity and encourages respect.

[5] Good manners identify you as a thoughtful, sensitive person. A high regard for the feelings of others is universally appreciated. If your knock awakens a daytime sleeper, a sincere apology may result in a kindly reception. Someone truly inconvenienced by your call will think more highly of the good news if you tactfully suggest a visit at a later time. Willingness to be an attentive listener may give you more opportunities to speak effectively than would be open to one who monopolizes the conversation. Giving a sympathetic ear to a personal problem may lead to an extended witness. Thoughtfully remembering to close a screen door or a gate tells the householder that you are concerned about his interests.

[6] Discernment in choosing the theme of your presentation can also add to the warmth of your appeal. With so much that is bad, everyone yearns to hear good news. An important aspect of our commission is to spread good news of hope. Recall that Jesus emphasized good news, saying that he had been anointed to "declare good news to the poor." (Luke 4:17-21) You may want to try a cheerful presentation that highlights the marvelous prospects for endless life and peace. Perhaps you will find that you can reach another's heart quickly with reassuring words that describe how he and his loved ones can realistically hope to enjoy good health and happiness in a secure future, provided he shows faith in God's promises.

[7] Of course, many have allowed bad influences to harden their hearts to such a degree that the word of truth cannot take root. (Luke 8:5, 12) Let this not discourage us. Rather, let us be like the "good man" Jesus described who "brings forth good out of the good treasure of his heart." (Luke 6:45) Our efforts to do that in the disciple-making work will be rewarded with many more sheeplike hearts touched by the good news.

Suggested Presentation

God has not forgotten or abandoned his purpose.—2 Pet. 3:9.

We can be sure of its fulfillment soon.—2 Pet. 3:13.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Response to the good news has been great among the foreign-speaking population in the United States. The largest group is Spanish, with 549 congregations in 24 states. They have 24 circuits. There were 74 new Spanish congregations formed last year and 41 have already been started this year. There are 768 regular pioneers working in Spanish-speaking territories. Additionally, there are nine French, two Chinese, two Italian, two Portuguese, one Korean and one Greek congregation taking care of the population speaking those languages.**

◆ **In April, Haiti reached a new peak of 3,587 publishers. Memorial attendance was 14,880—more than 400 percent the number of publishers.**

◆ **A report of field-service activity was received for the first time from Timor, an island about 400 miles northwest of Australia. A special pioneer couple moved there to care for the island, whose inhabitants speak primarily Chinese and Tetum.**

Question Box

● What can be done when meeting attendance exceeds the seating capacity of the Kingdom Hall but the congregation is not yet in position to divide?

Many congregations have experienced a rapid influx of new ones with the result that seating accommodations have become inadequate, especially at Sunday meetings. Formation of another congregation may not be necessary in every case to remedy the problem. Experience has shown that prematurely dividing of a congregation can have a discouraging effect. The following are some guidelines that the elders can consider:

Where a large congregation is to be divided, it is recommended that the new congregation have 75 or 80 *regular* publishers available before being formed. Also, sufficient qualified brothers should be available to care for responsibilities of oversight. If only the Sunday meetings are overcrowded, the congregation could consider having two public meetings and two *Watchtower* studies. The congregation could be divided up by book study groups to attend the different meetings. The same brother could give both public talks, with a different *Watchtower* study conductor for each group. This would alleviate crowding in the Kingdom Hall and still allow the congregation to have good experience to draw on for service meeting parts and Ministry School assignments. Later, when the congregation grows larger, consideration could be given to forming a new one.

Where a large number of publishers live in another town and considerable travel is involved in getting to the meetings, or other local extenuating circumstances exist, the forming of a new congregation may be advisable even though its size may not be what is recommended above. In such cases, the body of elders can write requesting a Congregation Information Letter, which provides further details.

★ Are You Acquainted with Everyone in Your Congregation? ★

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"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.' "—Ps. 91:2.

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Once again during a month when we were distributing tracts, we reached a fine new peak of publishers. The report for May showed 560,897 sharing in the field service. That is 6,640 more than our previous peak, and 114,167 more than reported field service just two years previous! Truly delightful! We are very happy to see so many persons moved by a growing love for Jehovah to join with us in proclaiming the good news.

Brother Knorr has just returned from Europe, where he visited six branches. He told the Bethel family about the wonderful progress that the brothers are making in France, with a new peak of 64,091 publishers. Recently when the brothers there were invited to share in a TV program, they had a good time putting on a lively home Bible study for a national audience. During May, Germany was sharing in tract distribution, and they reached a new peak of 100,351 publishers. New peaks were also reported from Switzerland (10,060), Italy (50,488), Spain (30,679) and Portugal (16,183).

In Berne, Switzerland, Brother Knorr spoke to 4,113 brothers. In a bullring in Spain, there were 15,649 present for a meeting with him on June 12, and 10,875 packed out a large basketball stadium in Portugal. All the brothers everywhere are joyful in their service and enthusiastic about aiding others to benefit from Jehovah's patience by gaining salvation.

On the zone trip in Scandinavia, Brother Henschel was privileged to participate in meetings with 15,938 in Denmark, 8,553 in Finland, 12,065 in Sweden, and 6,156 in Norway. Brothers are very active in northern Europe and all territory in these countries is assigned for working this summer. Many new Kingdom Halls are being opened. It was also his privilege to speak to 3,640 at Klagenfurt, Austria. Austria reports a peak of 12,256 publishers for May, an increase of 11.7 percent.

We hope that all of you brothers who have attended one of the fine district assemblies have been richly rewarded in a spiritual way. May firm faith in the certainty of the fulfillment of Jehovah's word continue to strengthen all of us.

Be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Appreciating God's Ownership of Us

1 "To Jehovah your God belong the heavens, even the heavens of the heavens, the earth and all that is in it." (Deut. 10:14) This statement makes it evident that mankind is owned by God. Furthermore, Jehovah provided by the death of his Son a ransom price for all the offspring of Adam. When we acknowledge God's ownership of us and hold true to it, exercising full faith also in the sin-atoning value of Jesus' sacrifice, we are enabled to come into possession of something. (John 14:6) What? We are enabled to come into possession of a wonderful relationship with Jehovah and his Son by dedication and water baptism. Many are the joys and blessings that this brings. We enjoy the forgiveness of our sins, the favorable hearing of our prayers and the hope of unending life in God's grand new order.

2 Do we daily live our lives in recognition of God's ownership of us? Do we individually show by our 'seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness' that we really belong to Jehovah, that we are his to use as he sees fit? (Matt. 6:33) Do we follow our God-given exemplar, Christ, continually and without letup, allowing his pattern to control our lives?—Matt. 16:24, 25; 1 Pet. 2:21.

3 While we recognize that the pattern Christ set involves many things necessary to having God's approval—our moral behavior and attitudes, our being no part of the world, and so forth—yet certain things were *emphasized* in the pattern that Christ set. For example, as we consider Matthew 28:19, 20, we discern the emphasis that he placed on the preaching and teaching of the good news of God's kingdom.—Rev. 12:17.

4 Holding true to God's ownership of us has meant great changes in our lives and in the way we spend our time. Very commendably, for example, many of God's people have looked for ways to simplify their lives, perhaps by moving into smaller quarters once their children were raised so as to devote more time to Kingdom interests, or by moving to serve where the need is greater. Are such changes possible for you? Others have become regular or special pioneers, Bethelites, missionaries, circuit or district overseers. (Heb. 12:1) These changes were made because serving Jehovah is in itself a pleasure, as is helping someone else to experience that happiness.—Acts 20:35.

5 Not all of us are in position to enter these fields of full-time service, but have we made changes, endeavoring not to allow secular employment, recreation or other interests of any kind to interfere unduly with our privileges in the continuous following of Christ? When we give Jehovah exclusive devotion and then do what we are actually able to do, in accord with our circumstances and situation in life, we may be assured that Jehovah is pleased with us, who are his servants and possessions.—Prov. 27:11.

6 Holding true to God's ownership of us involves our whole life—the way we live our lives in obedience to all of God's commandments, our attendance at Christian meetings, regularly praying to our heavenly Owner, and our having as full a share as possible in spreading the good news of God's kingdom, following the pattern of Christ.—John 3:16; 13:17.

★ Holding True to God's Ownership of Us. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 10

12 min: Song 81. "Ready for Every Good Work." Talk based on May 15, 1975, *Watchtower*. Apply Scriptural counsel to local needs.

18 min: "Appreciating God's Ownership of Us." Discuss with audience, stressing scriptures. Allow time for some to relate adjustments they have made to share more fully in God's service.

17 min: "Presenting the Good News—'In the Very Street.'" Question-and-answer discussion, with short demonstrations showing how to approach people tactfully.

13 min: Concluding comments. Cover Question Box. Encourage street witnessing and use of magazines at every opportunity. Song 79.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 17

12 min: Song 96. After song, there will remain about 8 minutes for brief comments on Theocratic News and an appropriate item or two from "Insight on the News" in recent *Watchtowers*. Highlight importance of proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom.

15 min: "Do You Let Others Stumble You?" Talk based on February 15, 1975, *Watchtower*. Invite audience to read and discuss scriptures.

18 min: "Endure Family Opposition with Understanding and Wisdom." Question-and-answer discussion. Allow time for local experiences on how ones formerly opposed were won over and what helped them.

15 min: Concluding comments. Cover accounts report, also points in Branch Letter. Song 95.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 24

"Be at It Urgently"

25 min: Song 51. Preach the Good News. Read 2 Timothy 4:2; this applies particularly within congregation but is pattern of what we should do in the field. Suggest all open *Aid* to page 1331 to consider material under "Preacher, Preaching." (1) What are some of the thoughts connected with the words translated "preach" and other related words in the Bible? (Pars. 1-3) (2) Use scriptures to show the manner and nature of preaching recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures. (P. 1331, par. 4 under subject, to p. 1332, par. 1) (3) What future preaching activity was pointed forward to by the Hebrew Scriptures? (P. 1332, par. 2) (4) Since Jesus did more than merely preach, what also is the work of Jesus' disciples? (P. 1332, par. 4) (5) How vital is preaching activity to the worship of true Christians? Explain your answer Scripturally. (P. 1332, par. 6) (6) What is necessary in order to qualify one as a Christian preacher? (P. 1332, pars. 7, 8) (7) Thoroughly discuss *why* we are *motivated* to preach God's good news and what results to expect. (P. 1332, par. 10, to p. 1333, par. 2)

Conclude briefly with encouragement to value highly our privilege and opportunities as preachers of God's good news.

22 min: "Can You Share More Fully?" Questions and answers. Allow 5 to 10 minutes for interviewing some who have increased their field service. How? Why? Benefits?

13 min: Concluding comments. Before this meeting, field overseer will review field service arrangements for congregation and make advisable adjustments for midweek and weekend group witnessing. Announce arrangements and stress importance of being at preaching work with urgency, in line with the principle at 2 Timothy 4:2. Song 57.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 31

22 min: Song 118. Educating People for Life. Encouraging talk. *1975 Yearbook*, p. 190, par. 5, through p. 210, par. 2. Make the story live, though you cannot cover every detail. Emphasize that Jehovah always provides excellent spiritual things for his people, and we should take full advantage of the life-giving education he makes possible through his Word, spirit and organization. Draw out brief comments on: (1) What important issue was clarified at the Theocratic Assembly in 1941? (Pp. 191, 192) (2) How were children given special attention at that memorable convention? (Pp. 192, 193) (3) On what kind of program has added emphasis been placed by the Society since 1942? (Pp. 196, 197) (4) How did the Theocratic Ministry School originate? Through it, what has Jehovah done for his people? (Pp. 197-199) (5) Why pray to God when scheduled to give a Bible talk? (Pp. 199, 200) (6) Jehovah provided for a worldwide witness by means of what theocratic educational institution? Its students receive what kind of instruction, and chiefly for what purpose? (Pp. 200-202) (7) The Kingdom Ministry School has played what part in connection with education for life? (P. 202) (8) At the New World Theocratic Assembly of 1942, what showed that there was much work ahead for Jehovah's servants? (Pp. 202-204) (9) How did Jehovah's witnesses in prison in the United States make good use of time spent there? (Speaker might point out that we can do similar things, such as meditating on the Scriptures and preaching, if we suffer imprisonment for righteousness' sake.) (Pp. 205, 206) (10) How can the cases of Brother Jones and Brother King encourage others who may be incarcerated? (Pp. 208, 209) (11) As shown after World War II, for example, how do Jehovah's witnesses feel about aiding fellow believers? (Mention that all of Jehovah's people can endeavor to aid their brothers and sisters spiritually and otherwise, especially in times of stress and persecution. Such an attitude will benefit us during the "great tribulation.") (Pp. 209, 210)

Highlight that Jehovah constantly makes rich spiritual provisions. By fully availing ourselves of these, we can withstand persecution, continue pursuing a course that leads to eternal life, and enjoy the deep satisfaction of upholding Jehovah's name and sovereignty.

25 min: Presenting the *Evolution* Book.

(2 min.) Chairman briefly encourages audience to participate freely as congregation prepares together suggested presentations, so all will be equipped to use them. (If there is little interest in discussing evolution in your area, focus upon latter part of the book, dealing with wickedness and the hope for the future.)

(21 min.) Develop with audience these presentations:

Have someone demonstrate brief presentation: Introduce self and say, 'Possibly you have been concerned by increased crime and violence and have wondered, "Why has wickedness been permitted?"' Let householder express self. Open book to chapter 13 and state that question is answered in chapter. Turn to page 185 and point out conditions promised by God for the future. If advisable and convenient, ask householder to hold the book while you use your Bible to read and discuss with householder Psalm 37:10, 11, 29. 'We would like you to read this book. This is your copy for 25c.'

Analyze presentation with audience. What was done to get householder (1) to reason on material considered, and (2) to express self? Ask for other suggestions as to how we can get on friendly terms with householder and get him to thinking. Stress that this is a simple presentation using just one scripture from the Bible, which can be in our hand along with the *Evolution* book when we go to the door.

Have someone demonstrate the following and thereafter analyze presentation with audience, asking same questions, as on other presentation.

Introduce self and say: 'I am calling because of the widespread lack of interest in reading the Bible. Perhaps you have found it difficult to find answers in the Bible to questions you have.' After hearing his response, say: 'Many have asked this question on page 150, "Why has wickedness been permitted so long?"' Call attention to the subheading on p. 151, there is "a set time." Ask: 'A set time for what? For ending all forms of wickedness.' Read and discuss from your Bible 2 Peter 3:9, 15. You might conclude by saying, 'This Bible study aid explains, not only why wickedness has been permitted, but what the future holds. It also shows that man did not evolve but was created by God. You may have this copy for 25c.'

(2 min.) Encourage all to use the presentations, practicing them at home and at meetings for service, also to help new and less-experienced ones to use their Bible in field service. Parents can aid younger publishers to prepare presentations for use with their schoolmates, teachers. This will aid all to feel comfortable and confident in presenting the *Evolution* book.

13 min: Concluding comments. Summer over, school soon to start, community as a whole returns to regular schedule. Those returning to school may find that many teachers and classmates will be interested in the *Evolution* book. (Experience, *yb*75, p. 239, par. 3) It might be well for some to call on the teachers in the schools, if they have the opportunity to do so, before school starts in the morning or at noon to see if some would be interested in having the *Evolution* book. Encourage publishers to resume regular personal field service schedule, revive Bible studies that may have been stopped due to summer activity, review records of literature placed where studies could be started. Referrals have been fine means of starting many new studies. Song 119.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 7

Service meeting will be planned locally. It may include *Kingdom Ministry* parts missed due to attending district assembly, etc.

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

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Dear Brothers:

For about three years now there has been a rotating of elders and we can see the blessing of Jehovah on this arrangement. Some questions have come up, however, and we are happy to share with you the observations and guidelines that we hope will prove to be very helpful. It would be well for each elder to read this communication carefully and make note of any questions thereon; these can be discussed at an appropriate time in your elders' meeting.

Preparing for Annual Meeting About September 1

Once a year, about September 1, those who are already appointed elders should prayerfully consider whether any additional brothers might now qualify to become elders or ministerial servants. (w75, pp. 369-371) The assessment of these brothers should not be based on personal views, but on God's Word. It is recommended that sometime before this annual meeting each elder read and prayerfully consider the qualifications for elders and ministerial servants as set out at 1 Timothy 3:1-10, 12, 13; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Pet. 5:1-5. Also, before the elders' meeting it would be good to read over the articles "Do You Qualify for Congregational Responsibility?" in the August 1, 1973, *Watchtower*, pp. 469-474, and "Who Qualifies to Be an Elder?" August 1, 1975, *Watchtower*, pp. 465-470.

Determining Who Should Be Recommended for Appointment as Elders and Ministerial Servants

When the body of elders meet together, prayer should be offered, seeking Jehovah's direction so that what is done will be in full accord with his will. Those recommended as elders and ministerial servants should be considered in the light of the Scriptural qualifications. Ministerial servants must be *at least 20 years old at the time of making the recommendation and they must be baptized for at least a year.—or*, pp. 60, 61; compare Ezra 3:8.

Some have asked whether there is a specific age at which one could be recommended as an elder. No specific age has been stipulated, but certainly each one recommended should have sufficient background and experience to be viewed and respected as an "older man." Would the publishers go to this one if they had serious problems? Is he old enough to have sufficient experience in life so as to be able to give appropriate and effective counsel on serious family problems or other serious aspects of life? It would be very unusual for a brother in his early twenties to have this background and experience needed by an elder. If such are recommended, then give us reasons why they qualify. If the body of elders are in genuine doubt it would be advisable to wait another year or more. In the meantime, service privileges may be extended to the ministerial servant who has been considered for recommendation as an elder, in harmony with the information in the January, 1975, *Kingdom Ministry*, "Question Box" material. Do not hastily lay hands on brothers who do not show real concern for the flock and a genuine desire to serve their brothers. (1 Tim. 5:22) Humility and self-sacrificing love are essential if elders are to give the flock what it needs. Remember, all the Scriptural requirements are important—none are to be minimized or overlooked. If you believe that the individual measures up to the Scriptural qualifications for an elder or a ministerial servant to a reasonable degree and with reasonable consistency, then there is basis for recommending his appointment.

If brothers give evidence of "reaching out" for responsibility but do not qualify, it would be proper to commend them for their efforts and tell them kindly why they do not qualify as yet. This can be done whether they inquire about their qualifications or not. By frankly pointing out what they can work on and offering appropriate counsel and encouragement, such persons will feel the elders are taking a real interest in them and will likely apply themselves with greater diligence toward making further progress. Of course, it is always good to give the brother full opportunity to express himself, listening closely to what he has to say. If he presents information the elders were not aware of and this changes matters, they might decide to recommend him.

There is no need to subject prospective ministerial servants and elders to intense interrogation before the entire body of elders. This could cause misunderstandings and hurt feelings. If elders do not know a man well enough to recommend him without such questioning, then they should make it a point to observe his progress within the congregation, work with him in the field, associate with him otherwise, thus getting acquainted with the brother. Then when September comes, the body of elders will know whether he qualifies or not to be recommended for additional privileges.

Elders and Ministerial Servants Recommended for Removal

If a brother who is now an elder or a ministerial servant is being recommended for removal, the body of elders should tell him why, so that he clearly understands the situation. If he does not agree with the decision of the body of elders, he should be informed that if he wishes he may write to the governing body stating why he disagrees with the recommendation for his removal. His letter should be submitted along with the elders' letter recommending removal. Their letter should be signed by the service committee on behalf of the body of elders. If necessary and advisable, the governing body will arrange for a special committee to review the case. No announcement of removal will be made to the congregation until this matter is acted upon by the governing body. In the meantime, he may continue to serve. Of course, if an elder or ministerial servant commits a serious wrong requiring public reproof or disfellowshiping he should be removed. You would not have to wait for the official letter of removal to be received from the governing body before removing such privileges from the individual. —*or*, p. 167.

In exceptional cases where the conduct of an elder or a ministerial servant raises questions as to his qualifications to continue to serve, the elders should do all they can to resolve the matter locally, perhaps by obtaining appropriate counsel from other experienced elders. If they cannot then agree on what to do, they may write to the governing body for counsel.

When the body of elders have decided on the recommendations to be made, this information will be recorded on the forms provided, namely, the S-2a, b and c forms. The directions for the use of these forms are clearly stated on the forms and should be followed carefully. Note that the names listed are ONLY of those recommended for NEW appointments. Under "Deletions," do not list names of those previously removed.

Recommendations of new appointments of brothers who have not served previously should be made in September. When new congregations are formed at other times, recommendations should be submitted for any of the congregations involved. Before filling out an application for a new congregation, it would be well to read and comply with the information in the "Congregation Information" letter (S-50), which you may request from the branch office.

Rotation—*or*, pp. 67, 68.

At the elders' meeting in September the body of elders will decide which elder will serve in each position of oversight during the new service year. If there are positions that any of the brothers might not be able to serve in, according to the regular pattern of rotation, those positions will then be filled by qualified brothers, the decision on this being made locally by the body of elders. When the new assignments are decided upon by the local elders these may be announced to the congregation. It is not necessary to wait to hear from the governing body, except when new recommendations for elders are being made or when recommended removals are pending. Temporary arrangements can be made until the new appointments are received. But even when there are new recommendations this does not hold up all the other brothers from taking up their new assignments. This rotation should take place early in September, immediately after the details are decided upon by the body of elders. Normal rotation is explained on page 67 of the *Organization* book, paragraph 2. Other information regarding this is found on pages 68 and 69.

What happens when new elders are being recommended? The newly appointed elder is appointed because he has the spiritual qualifications and thus he should be able to take care of an office of oversight, even dealing with judicial matters, if necessary. Under ordinary circumstances, where there are now five elders and another one is being appointed, the outgoing presiding overseer would not occupy one of the five principal positions for the coming year. He would customarily take his place in rotation following any new appointee(s). However, the local body of elders have the responsibility to determine where the elders will serve, taking into consideration the rotation arrangement.

Some questions have been asked as to whether it is necessary for an elder to fit into each of the five principal positions and to be willing to do so without fear of being disqualified. No, this would not be the correct viewpoint. For example, a brother may be a fine elder, able to give good encouragement, Scriptural counsel to an individual or individuals, but because of a lack of fluency in the local language he might not feel that he could qualify as the school overseer or perhaps even the *Watchtower* study conductor. This would not disqualify him from having other responsibilities or from serving in any position he feels able to handle year by year. The other elders could encourage him where they feel he could care for certain responsibilities, but they should respect his personal feelings and decision.

The shifting of duties from one elder to another elder generally would take place during the month of September, even though an appointee to service may not have had a full year in that position. Where sometime during the year a vacancy occurs in one of the five principal positions for one reason or another, a substitute from any of the elders can be selected by the body of elders to fill out the expiring term.

There is no need to supply the branch office a new congregation mailing address just because there is a new presiding overseer. Rather, the same permanent mailing address as decided upon by the body of elders should be used year after year, unless there is some valid reason for a change.

A Smooth Transition as New Service Year Begins

The elder currently serving in a particular position will do well to help the elder replacing him to learn his responsibilities. It would be good for the two of them to spend at least an evening together as soon as the rotation is decided upon, and thereafter as much time as needed to acquaint the elder assuming the new responsibility with his duties. This will be a blessing to the elders involved and to the congregation. For example, the presiding overseer can acquaint his replacement with the material in the congregation files. He can discuss with him the financial condition of the congregation and aid him to know what debts, if any, the congregation has, either to the Society or to individuals. Any correspondence that needs to be handled in regard to such situations or other matters should be discussed, including the meeting with regular pioneers, the visit of the circuit overseer, the circuit assembly, and so forth, so that these matters might be properly looked after. This is also true of problems currently being handled by the judicial committee. It is helpful, too, to give a reminder to the new presiding overseer always to identify the congregation clearly when corresponding with the Society.

Similarly, elders in charge of certain departments where ministerial servants are newly assigned should set aside time to explain what their duties involve, answer any questions and make sure the brothers know what to do. The field overseer, for example, should go over matters with the ones caring for territory and magazines. The one looking after the congregation's accounts should be helped not only to keep an accurate record, but to exercise care in handling funds. (2 Cor. 8:20) Some ministerial servants may be shifted from one assignment to another, but this is not mandatory. If they are doing good work and feel comfortable in their present assignment due to experience, no change needs to be made. Consider this and what may be best for the congregation.—See *or*, pp. 68, 69; also, the article "A Smooth Transition," July, 1973, *Kingdom Ministry*, p. 2.

Filling Out the Annual Report

At the end of the year, about September 1, the presiding overseer will write a meaningful report to the branch office using the S-10 form. This will give his specific observations on the spiritual condition of the congregation, what has been accomplished during the past year and what appears to be in need of attention in the months to come. This report should be read to the elders at their meeting early in September before it is mailed to the branch office, and a copy will be retained in the congregation files. Please double-check the figures with the field overseer, for often some of the figures under question two are left off or incorrectly reported. This is an important analysis, so please supply accurate information. If additional space is needed to provide observations in answer to any of the questions, please use additional space on the form or an additional page so that a meaningful, but brief, pointed report will be provided. This report will be acknowledged in due time.

How to Get Elders from Nearby Congregations, if Needed

Sometimes circuit overseers observe that one congregation has many elders while another congregation needs elder help. A circuit overseer may make the need known to the congregation where there are many elders, but then it is up to that body of elders to consider their own needs in order to take care of their own congregation activities. If they believe that it will not work a hardship in their congregation for an elder to work with a nearby congregation that has a real need for elders, they can discuss the matter among themselves to see whether any one of them wishes to travel to the nearby congregation.

Any elder considering such transfer should take into account what this would mean to himself and his family physically and spiritually, as well as other related matters.

If, after such consideration of matters, someone is found to be available to serve with a nearby congregation, the presiding overseer may communicate with the nearby congregation to let them know that there is an elder who is willing to serve with them regularly. Upon receiving the information, if the brothers representing the nearby congregation wish to interview the available elder, they may do so. Then, if they would like to have him serving with them, they should send their recommendation to the governing body, explaining that the adjustments recommended in the letter have the approval of the other congregation. When approved, the elder may serve in the congregation and his name will be deleted from the list of elders in his former congregation. (February, 1973, *Kingdom Ministry*) These transfers can be made anytime they are needed during the year.

What Should Be Done When Elders or Ministerial Servants Move

The body of elders of the congregation into which the elder has moved may make written inquiry of the entire body of elders where he was appointed and had served. When the former body of elders make a favorable recommendation of the brother, then the second body of elders should state that fact when recommending him to the governing body, also identifying the congregation where he previously served. But you should await appointment before the brother is used as an elder or ministerial servant in his new congregation.

What if the former body of elders do not provide a favorable recommendation? It would be advisable to get full information as to their reasons. Discuss these with the brother. If there is agreement that he does not qualify, then it would not be advisable to recommend him. However, if he is recommended despite the unfavorable report of the former body of elders, you could submit your observations and recommendation along with the letter from the former body of elders for the governing body's decision.

In every case where an appointed elder or ministerial servant dies or moves, the governing body should be notified, the letter being signed by the service committee on behalf of the body of elders. If you know the location to which the brother has moved, please inform the branch office. If the brother was serving on the committee, notify the branch office of the name and address of the one replacing him. We should at all times have complete information as to who are serving on the service committee. Please refer to the article "What Should Be Done?" June, 1973, *Kingdom Ministry*.

Recommending Those Previously Reproved or Disfellowshiped

You may wish to review pages 177 and 178 of the *Organization* book.

As to one who has been reproved, much would depend on whether the reproof was private or public. If private reproof was given, it might be that the man could be recommended after some months had elapsed. However, if public reproof was given, the matter is more serious, so the body of elders should be sure the brother is well thought of again in the congregation, having its respect and confidence. In such cases, the elders should provide the governing body with additional information, so the picture is quite clear and the right decision can be made.

With regard to one who has been reinstated and who is being considered for further privileges, it is clear that he should have 'lived down' the reproach he brought on himself by his wrong act, doing this by building up a convincing record of righteousness that would serve to counterbalance the effect of the past wrong. This might involve only a few years, but possibly many years, to do, depending upon the notorious nature of the wrongdoing. In any case, such reinstated one should first be recommended as a ministerial servant.

Observations and Recommendations for All Elders

Jehovah has surely given each one of us a marvelous trust and privilege, as well as a heavy responsibility. (James 3:1) It is good to acknowledge humbly this trust by developing more and more spirituality in our lives. This, of course, calls for constant study, incessant prayer to Jehovah and humbly acknowledging our own imperfections and sins, recognizing how much we need Jehovah, our Heavenly Father, and Christ, the appointed head of the Christian congregation.

If overseers neglect or fail to pay attention to themselves or the flock, you can imagine what might happen. Serious problems could develop, perhaps friction or dissension that might even affect the body of elders, resulting in a lack of decisive action on their part in dealing with wrongdoing. (1 Sam. 2:12-17, 27-30) Spiritually alert and vigilant overseers take steps to prevent such a situation from ever developing. They do not let personal feelings influence their judgment so as to hold a brother back from privileges. Nor do they allow such feelings to interfere with their recommending a brother's removal where a Scriptural basis for such action exists.—1 Tim. 5:21.

When the circuit overseer is visiting the congregation, if he sees sound evidence of any such serious problem, he should not timidly hold back from expressing himself, but should declare the whole counsel of God. He is not thereby attempting to 'take over' the direction of the congregation or even of the elders' meetings he attends, nor does he 'overrule' the elders. But he must conscientiously express, and endeavor to help the elders to apply, the counsel of God's Word where need for it is clear. (Acts 20:26, 27; 2 Tim. 1:6, 7; 4:2) In reporting any such matters to the branch office, he will state matters clearly and fairly. —*or*, p. 86, par. 3.

Certainly we all appreciate that the congregations are not autonomous—they are tied in directly with the "faithful and discreet slave" and all of us are operating under the headship of Christ. For this reason, it is good occasionally to review the December 1 and December 15, 1972, *Watchtower* articles, "How Heavenly Headship Directs an Earthly Congregation" and "Do You Submit to Christ's Headship Today?" Excellent counsel is contained in these two articles to help each elder to see the vital necessity of acceding to Christ's headship and according to each of his fellow elders the dignity he merits. (Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3) If we hold one another in due esteem and humbly recognize that what is important is the working of the entire body of elders in harmony with God's Word, and not what one or two elders do, then the body of elders will operate even as Jehovah wants it to operate, namely, in love.—See *The Watchtower*, September 1, 1973, "Counselors Displaying 'Mildness that Belongs to Wisdom'" (pp. 541-543); February 15, 1974, "Do People Find You 'Mild-Tempered and Lowly in Heart'?"; and June 1, 1975, "Cultivate Intense Love for One Another" and "Love Covers a Multitude of Sins."

Elders should appreciate that even they may have problems among themselves due to human imperfections, but that the quality of warm Christian love should always work toward covering over one another's imperfections. (1 Pet. 4:8) It is good to guard this trust, cooperate together, not think more highly of ourselves than we should and constantly help one another to fulfill our responsibilities before Jehovah. If we work together peacefully and harmoniously for the benefit of the congregation, surely Jehovah will bless us and our work, all to his praise.

Please be assured of our warm Christian love and best wishes for each one of you at this time.

GOVERNING BODY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Endure Family Opposition with Understanding and Wisdom

1 Ridicule, physical assault, imprisonment, bans on field witnessing, prohibition of Christian meetings and association, confiscation of Bibles and literature—these are things we usually associate with the persecution of our brothers in oppressive lands. But do we realize that many in the congregations with which we associate are right now experiencing similar conditions because of opposition from unbelieving mates?

2 Of course, not all with unbelieving mates face such extreme difficulties, but they do experience real tests of their faith. (John 15:20; 1 Cor. 7:12-16) By our encouragement and help, they will be greatly strengthened to endure. (Heb. 10:24, 25) Elders especially should be a source of refreshment and guidance.—Isa. 32:1, 2.

WHY MATES OPPOSE AND WHAT CAN BE DONE

3 Even if the unbelieving mate seems 'hardened' in his opposition, the situation should not be viewed as hopeless. (1 Cor. 13:7) In proof of this we need only to take note of the many now serving Jehovah who formerly opposed their mates. Opposition, anger and even violence are frequently outward signs of inward frustrations and undefined fears. Rather than simply disliking the truth, a husband, for example, may fear that his wife's Christian activities will alienate her from him, taking up too much of her time and interest and disturbing their relationship and the family arrangement. He may resent the possibility that he will not be given the attention he received formerly, and perhaps also may fear social embarrassment. In addition to trying to understand the reasons for opposition, what else can you as the believing mate do so as to act wisely?

4 Understanding the reasons may make it easier for you to demonstrate the fruitage of God's spirit. (Gal. 5:22, 23) While choosing appropriate times to speak about your faith, remember that respectful silence coupled with real Christian conduct may often be more effective. In this way one will not irritate the opposer by continually bringing the Bible into every conversation. (1 Pet. 3:1-6) By your spending time with your mate, accommodating him within the bounds of a Christian conscience and showing industriousness around the home, it will become apparent to the opposer that one's being a Christian, rather than resulting in neglect of family and home, makes one a better husband or wife and contributes to a rich, warm family atmosphere.

5 Where possible, introduce unbelieving ones to some of the brothers and sisters as opportunity affords. Sometimes those outside the family circle can accomplish more than the believing mate, perhaps even being able to arrange for a Bible study. Many former opposers have been influenced to start studying as they became acquainted with others in the congregation and grew to respect their Christian way of life.

6 While we as Christians must obey God as ruler rather than even close family relatives or mates, those who experience opposition should do all that is possible to cultivate a warm and happy family atmosphere, setting a fine example in word and conduct and thus honoring God.—Acts 5:29; 1 Cor. 7:16.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for August: *God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached*, with a booklet, for 50c. For September: *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?*, for 25c. For October: *Awake!* subscription, with three booklets, for $1.50.

◆ The October 8 *Awake!* and October 15 *Watchtower* will be special issues. Be sure to order early the extra copies you will need.

◆ Each congregation will receive two Literature Inventory forms and should take an actual count of campaign literature at the end of August. Please do not include cash items such as *Aid* book, large-print Bible, *Concordance*, etc., in value of campaign literature in stock. Please fill out the forms and return the original to us no later than September 6. Keep the duplicate copy.

◆ The elders in each congregation should arrange to meet together early in September. Any recommendations for new appointments should then be sent to the Society, using the S-2 form. The presiding overseer will send in his report for the service year on the S-10 form at the same time. Also, the S-9 form regarding elders to attend Kingdom Ministry School should be sent in. All of these forms are being sent to congregations with the July literature statement.

◆ It is requested that on the next literature order for the congregation, presiding overseers order 12 monthly congregation report cards, 12 report cards for each regular pioneer, report desk envelopes and other forms needed for the 1976 service year.

◆ The congregation's permanent addresses for receiving literature, magazines and the Society's mail should *not* be changed to correspond with the rotation of the presiding overseer.

◆ With the September *Kingdom Ministry* the Society plans to provide details concerning a special series of four public talks to be given in the congregations during November. To the extent possible, we recommend that they be scheduled on consecutive weeks until they have all been heard.

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Can You Share More Fully?

1 Many indeed are the affairs of life competing for our time and energy. (Eccl. 3:1-8) As life in this present system of things becomes busier, with increased time demands placed upon us, we feel greater pressure. At the same time, never has there been a time when it was more vital to share in the field service, helping those living in the shadow of death to learn of Jehovah's provision for life. Sharing fully in this work is also vital to our personal spirituality.—Acts 20:26, 27.

2 Can we personally schedule more time for field service? Having the right view of our circumstances will aid us. Not all of us can do the same amount. But does the way we use our time each day show that we share God's view of matters, that we earnestly desire "all sorts of men" to gain salvation? (1 Tim. 2:3, 4) Of course, we need some time for recreation, but we also need to keep in mind that the way we arrange our affairs and that to which we devote our time are seen by God as evidence of the extent of our devotion and loyalty to him.—Ps. 119:168.

3 The best way to ensure giving field service high priority is to schedule a definite, set time for it, just as we have a definite schedule for our meetings, secular work, etc. Perhaps Saturday, Sunday or midweek is a good time for you, or maybe you can share regularly on several days each week. Why not make it a fixed part of your schedule. Likely you will have other unscheduled opportunities too, but keep these set times.

4 The elders will assist by making definite group arrangements for field service during the week and on weekends. It is also appreciated when elders and ministerial servants make definite arrangements for well-experienced publishers to assist newer ones by accompanying them in the field service, whether during the week or on the weekend. Such definite arrangements for meetings for ser-

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MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	566	147.0	53.1	5.3	126.1
Pios.	20,066	100.8	33.9	3.1	82.1
Temp. Pios.	15,856	78.8	19.1	1.2	63.7
Pubs.	524,409	10.9	3.7	.4	11.1
TOTAL	560,897				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 4,332

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1975	1974
Total Attendance	1,248,641	1,182,112
Number of Partakers	4,610	4,707

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

"In the Very Street"

1 "True wisdom itself keeps crying aloud in the very street." (Prov. 1:20; 8:1-3) Jesus Christ taught in the streets, and so can we. August is a month characterized by warm, mild weather in many parts of the country and thus would be a fine time to have an increased share in street witnessing.

2 How can we most effectively share in street work? By taking the initiative, going up to someone who is waiting for a bus, window shopping, sitting in a car, or walking along. You might tactfully get the person's attention by saying something like this: "Pardon me, but I would like to share this important information with you." Select a point of interest from the magazine or book being offered and then offer him his copy on a contribution basis, wishing him a pleasant day in parting.

3 Some have even established "routes" on the street by being in a certain location regularly. Those who took magazines from them in the past look for them again to obtain the current issues. Not a few of those now serving Jehovah were introduced to the truth by means of such a brief encounter on the street. Smaller towns might not appear to present such opportunities, but when walking from one call to another, why not endeavor to talk to anyone you meet on the street? Remember, we are looking for people whereever they are.

4 Where it is difficult to gain entrance to large apartment buildings, being on hand early in the morning when residents leave for work, or in the evening when they return, puts us in position to contact those who otherwise might not hear the Kingdom message. Others can be reached by working from car to car in large shopping centers.

5 Publishers and pioneers will find street work a fine avenue of service for them at times when it is not advantageous to engage in regular house-to-house work, such as early in the morning and at noon when the streets are full as office workers and others enjoy time away from their jobs. Those for whom much walking is difficult, for physical reasons, may find street work advantageous because it allows them to meet many people with little moving about.

6 Yes, we have the "foremost things . . . truth itself" to share, and so we desire to reach people wherever they are, that they might gain wisdom and the fear of Jehovah that means life.—Prov. 8:6, 7.

More Fully? (*Cont'd*)

vice and practical training can make it easier to increase our share in this important work.

5 Of great refreshment and stimulation also is working with the circuit overseer or his wife. Make known to the elders your desire to go along with him during the week of his visit. Reports indicate that his afternoons are often not fully scheduled to work with publishers, so why not arrange some afternoon return visits or a study, asking that he accompany you. Mutual benefits and joy will result.—Prov. 27:17.

6 Preaching and teaching are part of the service that Paul indicated we have "according to the mercy that was shown us," and so "we do not give up." (2 Cor. 4:1) Rather, we are grateful for this undeserved kindness, and, if possible, in the little time remaining we want to increase our share in field service, looking confidently to Jehovah and the rapidly approaching fulfillment of all the things we now preach.—2 Pet. 3:13.

Announcements (*Cont'd*)

◆ New Publications Available:
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Afrikaans, Greek, Kikongo, Swahili, Tagalog

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Hungarian, Lingala, Papiamento, Vietnamese

◆ Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained —Chinese, Ukrainian

◆ It is suggested that the booklet *"Look! I Am Making All Things New"* be included among the three free booklets offered with new subscriptions during October. Be sure there is a supply on hand.

◆ Each individual who receives a copy of *Kingdom Ministry* should get the insert that is provided with this issue. We encourage everyone, particularly the elders, to read it carefully. But it will not be discussed on the service meeting program.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ In 1951 nearly 50 percent of the counties in the U.S.A. (1,469 out of 3,062) were completely unworked or only partially worked. Because of the zealous work of congregations and temporary special pioneers, all isolated territories have been covered since 1970; the number of such territories now classified as isolated is 142, less than 10 percent of the number that needed to be covered with the Kingdom message in 1951.

◆ By late June, 540 new congregations had been established already in the U.S.A. during the current service year. For the entire 1974 service year, the total was 529. The previous peak was reached during the 1973 service year, when 317 new congregations were formed.

◆ Through the month of June of this service year, in Angola, 689 persons had symbolized their dedication to Jehovah by water immersion. During all of the 1974 service year, 471 underwent baptism there. A new peak of 3,036 publishers was reached in June, to compare with a peak of 1,817 in the 1974 service year.

◆ On June 29 Brother Knorr was in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to share in the dedication of the expanded branch facilities and the new Kingdom Hall that has been built on the Society's property there.

Question Box

● How should congregations handle copies of "EXTRA" magazines received?

When the Society has current magazines left over, after all orders have been filled, these are sent to congregations in rolls with the word "EXTRA" on the address label. The "EXTRA" quantity, about 10 percent of your regular order, is sent about four to six times a year.

Congregations are not charged for "EXTRA" magazines. They are to be placed with publishers on the regular contribution basis, with the money being applied to the magazine account. However, you should not request pioneer credit for "EXTRA" magazines used by pioneers.

If publishers do not take the "EXTRA" magazines on the regular contribution basis, when copies are no longer current they may be given free to publishers to leave at not-at-homes. At any door, please leave only one copy of an older magazine and in an inconspicuous place. Do not use mailboxes, as this is against postal regulations; however, open-ended mail slots may be used.

It would be good for the brother handling the magazines to advise the field overseer when these "EXTRA" magazines arrive, and then the congregation can be notified that extra magazines are available.

★ **Have You Tried Street Witnessing?** ★

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"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

We thought you would be interested in the theocratic progress in New York city these days and we are happy to share some thoughts with you in this regard. Some thrilling developments are taking place. For example, there are now 266 congregations, with a total of 26,285 publishers, including 878 pioneers. With 63,813 persons at the Memorial this March, this means that one out of every 124 persons in New York city attended the Memorial. The Bethel family contributes much to the activity of the New York city congregations, and there are currently 346 members of the Bethel family who serve as elders in the various congregations.

A concerted effort is being put forth to reach every individual in this huge metropolis with the good news. To illustrate: 21 brothers and 5 sisters spend a minimum of two hours weekly visiting the prisons in the city. This program is carried out in cooperation with the New York City Department of Correction and is already producing fine results. At one prison a regular study with an average attendance of 8 is conducted in the *Truth* book each Wednesday evening. In some prisons, cell-to-cell witnessing is possible, and brothers are diligent in making return visits, conducting studies, giving Bible lectures, and showing the Society's films. As a result, one inmate, after studying for several months, made his dedication to serve Jehovah, and three months after his release he was baptized at a circuit assembly. In one prison the captain of the guards, who was once associated with Jehovah's people, has also begun to attend meetings again and is now participating in the field service.

Also, a number of the brothers are making calls on ships docked in port and much literature in a number of different languages is regularly placed. Additionally, a number of pioneers have been working the business territory, and one of these met a lawyer who took several books. The following week the pioneer made a return visit. Upon examining the *Aid* book the lawyer said: "This is just what I need." On a later visit the man divulged that he was already using the *Aid* book to explain Bible thoughts to his secretary and receptionist. Great praise is being given to Jehovah's name as a result of all these marvelous efforts.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Choose Life—Follow God's Way!

[1] How wonderful it is to be alive today, sharing in the worship of our heavenly Father, Jehovah! Those of us who have been in the truth for some years are thrilled to see the many new ones flocking to Jehovah's family-like organization. (Isa. 60:22) We deeply appreciate seeing their faith, their devotion and their zeal as evidence that they have chosen to follow God's way, not the ways of this world.—Compare Deuteronomy 30:19, 20.

[2] As we enter the 1976 service year all of us are filled with anticipation for the near future, for our generation. Of course, we cannot set a date as to when the old system is going to end, can we? Jesus plainly said that we do not know the day or the hour when the "great tribulation" is to begin, but obviously we can see that the hour is late. (Matt. 24:34, 36) Appreciating Jehovah's way, we are convinced that he will not fail to fulfill all the things he has promised his servants. As Paul wrote to the Hebrews: "The word of God is alive and exerts power." It will accomplish what Jehovah has purposed. Further, Paul wrote: "God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name." (Heb. 4:12; 6:10) Thus all of us, whether in the truth a short time, or a longer time, are happy to wait on Jehovah, doing his will, day by day.—Lam. 3:24-26.

[3] It is clear that sharing fully in doing Jehovah's will is the best use of our time and provides evidence of our faith in the fulfillment of Jehovah's purpose. An important part of the work that he has entrusted to us is preaching the good news. Is it possible that you can widen out your participation in this work? For example, if you are newly associated and have shared thus far only in the tract work or in the distribution of magazines, could you enlarge the scope of your activity? As an illustration, with a view to aiding others to realize that the good news we bring them is really from God's Word, would you like to learn and then use in the house-to-house work a one-scripture sermon as is contained in this issue of *Kingdom Ministry*? There are many, including elders, ministerial servants and pioneers, who would be most willing to assist you to get started. The sisters, too, can help in this work, aiding fellow sisters to become more proficient in their field service.

[4] The congregation meetings are also included in Jehovah's loving provisions to aid us to choose life. Have you any idea what a blessing it is for us to hear from you many new ones as you comment at the meetings? Your enthusiasm for expressing the truth is not only encouraging, but faith-strengthening. (Heb. 10:23-25) If, however, you have not yet started to express your faith at the meetings, why not talk this over with someone who can help you in this regard, such as the brother presiding at one of the meetings? In this way, you, too, will show that you have chosen to follow God's way.

[5] One of the basic characteristics of Jehovah's dedicated Christian witnesses is love, love not only

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★ Seek Life by Conforming to God's Way of Salvation. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 14

13 min: Song 6. Brother opening meeting can discuss Deuteronomy 30:19, 20, emphasizing need to seek life by conforming to God's way of salvation.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—Using the Bible in Introducing Ourselves." Audience discussion together with several short demonstrations, if desired.

15 min: "Choose Life—Follow God's Way!" Questions and answers. Could interview new ones relative to privilege of sharing in the field service, commenting at meetings and using the Bible in the house-to-house work. Get heartfelt expressions of appreciation.

17 min: Concluding comments. Encourage each one to use *Evolution* book fully this month. Cover accounts report, also highlights of Branch Letter. Tie in comments on "True 'Rehabilitation.'" (7/8/75 *Awake!*, p. 29) Urge brothers to study for part on Pride and Humility next week. Song 7.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 21

Shun Pride—Cultivate Humility

15 min: Song 87. Introduction, followed by talk on *Watchtower* article of August 1, 1975, "Youths, Make Your Life Worth Living." Highlight the good and proper attitude that Christian youths should have, not being filled with the pride and worldliness of this system of things, but with true humility. Make local application, where possible, to encourage young ones in the congregation. (If there is a qualified younger brother available, a ministerial servant, one who is a good example, might be advisable to assign him this talk.)

30 min: Elder discusses with audience the qualities of pride and humility. *Pride* defined as inordinate self-esteem, an unreasoning feeling of superiority as to one's talents. *Humility*, just the opposite, means freedom from pride or arrogance. God's view of pride and humility clearly stated in 2 Samuel 22:28; Psalm 138:6. (1) In Bible times, how did Israel's King Uzziah show himself to be a proud person, and what was the outcome? (2 Chron. 26:15-21); (2) How did Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon show himself filled with pride, and what was the result? (Dan. 4:29-33); (3) What did Nebuchadnezzar come to appreciate? (Dan. 4:37); (4) On the other hand, why did an angel of Jehovah call Daniel, the prophet, a "very desirable man"? (Dan. 10:11, 12); (5) How did the Lord Jesus Christ show himself to be truly an outstanding example of humility? (Phil. 2:5-8); (6) How will his humility further be shown at the end of his rule of a thousand years? (1 Cor. 15:28). [Cover the above in 15 min.—Another elder can discuss the balance of this part in 15 min.]

Discuss the following situations and what pride or humility might do for such persons. (The comments in brackets are given to stimulate thinking.) *Reproved for wrongdoing:* [One might stop association with congregation, keep on in wrong conduct, show arrogant spirit. Or, might keep in even closer association to prevent wrong conduct from occurring again, humble oneself, showing he is not arrogant. (Heb. 12:11)] *Cannot get along with someone in the congregation:* [Refuse to speak, or speak evilly of such to others, slander, backbite. Read and apply Colossians 3:12-14, or consider the course Paul and Barnabas followed when problems arose between them. (Acts 15:36-40)] *Have difficulty accepting counsel regarding our children:* [Go on defensive, become resentful, spiteful, refuse to listen to or apply counsel. Or, try to understand why counsel given, apply toward children, apply advice from God's Word. (Ps. 119:18, 105, 130; Prov. 3:11, 12)] *Differences between husband and wife or parents and children:* [Refuse to talk, husband exercises authority in demanding, unloving way, wife does spiteful things, refuses to cooperate willingly, mocks or belittles husband, children refuse to communicate, think parents old-fashioned. Or, apply wise counsel of Ephesians 4:26; 5:22-24, 28, 29; 6:1-4; James 1:19-21.] The lesson to be learned: "God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones."—Jas. 4:6.

15 min: Concluding comments. Get observations from audience as to practical application of the material just discussed. What did you learn? How might these points help to prepare us for the future? Song 88.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 28

12 min: Song 71. Introduction and then talk based on special letter sent to congregations on *Awake!* of October 8, "A Sound Guide for Modern Living." Select appropriate information designed to enthuse the brothers for using this magazine in the field. Take some highlights from the letter; also, tell how special issue will be used and by whom, including Bible students.

16 min: Assemblies Enhance Our Appreciation for God's Word. Chairman discusses *1975 Yearbook*, p. 210, par. 3, to p. 233, par. 4, with panel of about six brothers and sisters, including some newer ones. Show how our appreciation for the Bible has been enhanced at notable assemblies through the years.

The panel can be asked such questions as these: (1) During the 1950 Theocracy's Increase Assembly, how was understanding clarified regarding the "princes"? (Pp. 213, 214) (2) The 1958 Divine Will International Assembly is memorable for what reasons? (Pp. 216-218) (3) How was the *New World Translation* made available, and what have been notable features and effects of this Bible version? (Pp. 219, 220) (4) During the international assembly of 1953, what program was announced, and what improvement has resulted as far as our preaching work is concerned? (Pp. 227, 228) (5) At large assemblies since 1966, what new method has been used to impart Bible instruction and counsel? Has this means been effective? (Pp. 233, 234) What lessons were conveyed by the dramas at the district assemblies this past summer?

Emphasize in conclusion that assemblies provide needed instruction from God's Word and help us to become better preachers of the good news. Hence, we do well to show our appreciation for God's Word by reading and using it diligently and by assembling regularly with our fellow worshipers of Jehovah.

10 min: Are You Discerning? Suggest some short demonstrations highlighting the matter of discerning the circumstances as we talk to people at the doors and elsewhere. Get comments on each situation. (1) Have publisher witnessing but oblivious to the fact that the householder just got out of bed, is not awake at all and is totally unreceptive to what the publisher is saying. But publisher just keeps on talking, not discerning. (2) Have a person very kindly say he is not interested today. Publisher thanks him and offers to return on another occasion. Does this show discernment? (3) Have irate individual definitely say he is NOT INTERESTED AT ALL. Publisher says rather boldly, "What aren't you interested in? I haven't even told you why I'm here." Undiscerning publisher then proceeds on with presentation and householder walks away. Stress being discerning and flexible in preaching work, leave people in a pleasant mood as far as it depends on you.

22 min: *Awake!* presentation. "Take Notice of Him." Are you wondering how best to present the subscription offer? If you are newly associated with Jehovah's people and have not yet tried a one-scripture presentation, we recommend the following:

"Hello, almost everyone I meet would like to have a sound guide for living in these modern times. The Bible offers such counsel in Proverbs 3:5, 6. [Read.] *Awake!* shows how to do this in a modern world and what real hope exists for the future." If the householder is interested and seems willing to listen to more, you could read verses one and two of Proverbs, chapter three. If you discern that it would be best to bring matters to a conclusion, you could refer to the title of the special *Awake!* and/or make brief comments from an article that would be appropriate. When describing the *Awake!* subscription offer, you might want to say: "I'd be very happy to arrange for you to receive this outstanding magazine for just $1.50 a year. *Awake!* is truly one of a kind, for other newsmagazines tell what's happening today, but only *Awake!* points to the remedy—God's kingdom. I'm sure you would enjoy having it along with these three free booklets." (If you would feel more comfortable going along with an experienced publisher, listening for a few times before trying this on your own, fine.) Get comments from audience regarding use of presentation, especially from newer publishers, if they feel moved to share in this type of work for first time. Concluding comments. Song 58.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 5

12 min: Song 70. Introduction and discussion between brother and publisher who wants to share in field service for the first time. Utilize points from "Question Box" stressing proper conduct and good appearance in the field service.

15 min: "Hospitality—A Mark of True Christianity." Questions and answers.

10 min: "Helping the New Publishers." Animated discussion of points in article by two brothers.

5 min: Stress use of special *Awake!* magazine with Bible students, perhaps demonstrating how magazines could best be used by them.

18 min: "What the Churches Do Not Tell You." (6/15/75 *Watchtower*, pp. 355-358) Informative, lively talk by qualified elder, emphasizing key scriptures supporting true worship as relating to God and Christ, life after death, the Christian view of politics and a wicked system to end. Help publishers to see how to use points in local territory. Song 65.

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Your Use of the "Man's Salvation" Book

What an outstanding thing it was when Jesus, in the Nazareth synagogue, read Isaiah 61:1, about Jehovah's anointed one, and then said: "Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled"! —Luke 4:16-21.

For all men of faith since then, including us, that certainly was good news. Jesus is the Servant, the Anointed One, concerning whom many of the prophecies in the book of Isaiah deal. He is our means of salvation. That is news worthy of proclamation, and we are eagerly proclaiming it!

How thrilled we were, then, to receive at the district assembly the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* (*sl*) It deals with many important portions of Isaiah's prophecy that directly affect us. If you have already read in the new book, you have noted how full of good things it is. And likely you have already been talking with your brothers and others about it.

But soon we are going to be able to get better acquainted with its contents. During November we will have four special talks based on the *Man's Salvation* book. That will be a fine preview in anticipation of our thorough study of the book beginning in December. Also, these talks, by familiarizing us with the fine things in the book, will aid us to offer it effectively in the field service during November.

What Will You Do?

Perhaps you do not expect to deliver any of these talks. So are you at all involved? You definitely are!

If you think about the two benefits just mentioned, you can see why. Since *you* are going to be studying the book at the congregation book study starting in December, do you not want to have an idea of what the *Man's Salvation* book has to say? It will be many months before you finish studying it. So the rapid preview in the talks will enable you to know what prophecies of Isaiah are explained in the book and what is the basic application of these prophecies. And there are some adjustments in viewpoint, some "new things," in the book that you need to fix in mind. Also, when *you* offer the new book in the field service in November, you will definitely want to know its contents, will you not? Hence, there is no question that these four talks are important for you. How, though, can you best benefit from them?

Undoubtedly the most helpful thing will be to read the material to be covered in the upcoming talk each week. True, that is quite a lot of material, about five chapters a week, and you already do have a full schedule. But before dismissing that possibility, consider this: Reading the chapters will be different from preparing your lesson for the book study. In this case you need not read the questions and determine the answers. Rather, you can read straight through the chapters, moving along rapidly. Doing this will certainly add to your benefit from the talks.

'What if I can't do that?' you may ask. You know your own situation. But here is another possibility. If you simply cannot read the chapters each week, can you "skim" the material? In just thirty minutes or so each week you can quickly go through the respective chapters and get an idea of their basic contents. For each chapter do this: First read the opening paragraph or two, or even the first page of the chapter. Then for the remainder of the chapter read only the first sentence of each paragraph, also noting any subheadings along the way. This will give you a quick view of the chapter. No, you will not have all the details, but doing just this much will help to make the talks more meaningful for you.

Finally, each week bring your copy of the book with you to the public talk. The speaker will be referring you to it. He may even have certain portions read aloud by persons in the audience. You will become even better acquainted with the book's contents by following along in it each week. That is a blessing we are all looking forward to, thankful to Jehovah for this spiritual food.

Speakers

In most cases there will likely be sufficient speakers (elders and capable ministerial servants) in one congregation to deliver all four talks. However, if two congregations need to exchange speakers, that can be done.

There is no objection to having two speakers for one talk, dividing up the assigned material. The nature of the material in these talks allows for that. (Here are possible divisions of the material: Talk No. 1—a. [Chaps. 1-3], b. [Chaps. 4, 5]; Talk No. 2—a. [Chaps. 6-8], b. [Chaps. 9-11]; Talk No. 3—a. [Chaps. 12, 13], b. [Chaps. 14, 15]; Talk No. 4—a. [Chaps. 16, 17], b. [Chaps. 18, 19]) If it is decided that two brothers will share in delivering a talk, they should consult together so that they both understand clearly the division of the material and the time. They can also consider how the first speaker will lead into or introduce the second part.

To cover in a balanced and reasonable manner eighty or more pages of the book, you will not be able to deal with every detail. The following outlines should help you. Please study carefully the outline assigned to you. Note that some pages are considered, and others are intentionally skipped. This will enable you to focus on some of the highlights and new points, not losing the audience in a deluge of hurried details. Concentrate on the scriptures here listed, either reading them yourself or having persons in the audience read them aloud for you. That will help all to be better acquainted with and to understand God's Word, which is what we all very much desire, is it not?

You are lovingly interested in your brothers and sisters; that is why you assigned speakers are giving of yourselves to prepare and deliver one of these talks. Something that will add to your effectiveness in helping your brothers is your calling attention to and reading specific paragraphs of the book as you progress. In each outline we have called attention to key paragraphs, marked *"note,"* which you likely will want to read (or have read) in whole or in part. True, this may take more effort in your preparation and delivery. But the good results obtained from the effort make it well worth it. (Compare Acts 20:19-21.) And instead of referring to some page or paragraph in the book merely once or twice, try to do it throughout the talk. Thus the brothers in the audience can actually follow along; they will be using the book, looking at it, seeing for themselves the good things it contains.

If at all possible, these four talks should be presented during November, as was announced in the August *Kingdom Ministry*. As soon as the local details have been finalized, handbills may be ordered. Then, the week before each talk the congregation should be informed of the talk for the coming week. Urge them to prepare and to bring their books. Also, they can be encouraged to invite newly interested persons to attend—especially persons who have a copy of the new book and who would like to learn of its contents.

1. Relief from World Distress Through Whom? (*sl* chapters 1-5)

This generation has faced distress, but has reason for hope. (10 min.; chaps. 1, 2) Everyone is interested in future. Many seek information about it from political analysts, fortune-tellers. No man alive is capable of predicting future. Many who are concerned about future know that trouble has marked this generation since turning point in 1914. (Pp. 8-13) Not reasonable for them to turn for guidance to religions that they have abandoned. (Prov. 26:11) One person who proved he can foretell world events also spoke of our time. He showed himself a reliable commentator by predicting destruction of Jewish system. Has significance for our time, too. (Pp. 15, 17-19, 22, 23, *note* ¶¶17, 18; Matt. 24:3, 21; Luke 21:24) This one is Jesus. He proved himself Messiah, and reliable evidence shows he was resurrected. (Pp. 25-29) What can we learn about him that gives us reason for hope as to relief from world distress?

Can rest our hope on Jesus Christ, for he has God's backing. (15 min.; chap. 3) He is not mere babe that sentimental persons adore; neither a shameful criminal. (Pp. 42, 43) Should not view him as did rulers in first century, and as rulers do today. (P. 30) He has been transformed, elevated and given authority. Isaiah 52:13–53:12 shows why we can look to him with confidence and have hope.

Bible identifies him as Servant of Isaiah 52:13. (Relate Acts 8:26-40; p. 37, *note* ¶17.) He was elevated to God's right hand to await time to exercise rulership. (Acts 2:34-36; pp. 38-41) This contrasts with widespread image of him as 'disfigured' lawbreaker undergoing execution. (Isa. 52:14; p. 43) Even today most persons have not heard from clergy facts as to how "Servant" will war against nations; only Witnesses urge people to have affection for him as enthroned ruler. (Isa. 52:15; pp. 44, 45; discuss with audience picture, p. 40.) Are you sharing in that? Do you know why we can have confidence?

We can have confidence because of his integrity. (15 min.; chap. 4) Who will have confidence, faith in him? (Isa. 53:1; pp. 46, 48) He had to be born on earth. Had humble beginning, and religious leaders viewed him as unattractive. (Isa. 53:2; pp. 48-51) Opposers refused to esteem him, though he healed many and stressed spiritual curing. (Isa. 53:3; John 7:48, 49; pp. 52-54) But why would God allow him to be disgraced? Understanding this should affect our hope for relief. Allowed it so Son could prove that Satan's challenge, presented in Job's case, was false. Let Son provide full vindication of Father as rightful Sovereign. (Pp. 58-63, *note* ¶37) That Father had such confidence in Son should build our confidence in him and our hope for future.

Build solid hope on integrity God's Son showed. (15 min.; chap. 5) We can be thankful that Son was willing to be scapegoat, suffering death for others. (Isa. 53:4, 5; pp. 64, 66) His interest in aiding imperfect humans is seen in healings he performed; should stimulate our hope as to what he can yet do for those with faith. (P. 67) His endurance of persecution worked for our good. (P. 68, *note* ¶10) Jesus did not fight against dying like a sacrificial lamb. (Isa. 53:6, 7; p. 70) By not restraining enemies, God allowed Son to be impaled with wicked, killed and buried. (Isa. 53:8, 9; pp. 71, 76, 77) While permitting Son to be crushed, God delighted in his integrity. (Isa. 53:10, 11; p. 78, *note* ¶35) Puts Son in position to be our "Eternal Father," for he will bring many to righteous standing. (Pp. 80, 82) He was faithful, as were men such as Noah and Job. (Isa. 53:12; p. 83) Are you grateful that Jesus carried sins of many? Do you appreciate God's mercy and love that moved him to let Son serve as ransom? Should convince us that Jesus is the one through whom relief from distress will come, and move us to respond appreciatively. —Titus 3:4-6; pp. 88, 89.

2. Choose to Live in Paradise Now and Forever (*sl* chapters 6-11)

We can live in paradise—it is not just a dream. (15 min.; chap. 6) Widespread pollution stimulates our desire for life in a paradise. Greedy men will never turn earth into paradise; are doing the opposite. (P. 130) Many of us have found appealing descriptions such as Isaiah 35:5, 6; 11:6-9. (Gist) How do such prophecies apply? When? To whom? What bearing do they have on our enjoying paradise now? In future? Ought to understand them.

We have key in "paradise" Paul saw. Was a spiritual paradise having a type in ancient Israel. (2 Cor. 12:1-5; pp. 131-133, *note* ¶¶6, 9) As aid to understanding Isaiah 35, we will consider chapter 55. Had an application involving Jews in exile until 537 B.C.E. God gave message of liberation. (Isa. 55:1, 2; p. 96, *note* ¶16) For spiritual Israel captive in Babylon the Great, this also was message of deliverance. (Pp. 97-100; John 8:32) Sustained life centered on Jesus, heir of David. (Isa. 55:3, 4; pp. 105-107) Many people, as if a nation who had not known God, could take up true worship; has occurred. (Isa. 55:5; pp. 108, 110) But what is required of us if we want to enjoy paradise now and forever?

Can now enjoy spiritual paradise if we meet God's requirements. (15 min.; chaps. 7, 8) Must come to Jehovah, leaving any wickedness. (Isa. 55:6, 7; Prov. 21:27; pp. 111, 114) God is willing to forgive; we can depend on his word. (Isa. 55:8-11; pp. 115-117) With ancient Israel, release and forgiveness led to recovery, paradise. (Isa. 55:12, 13; pp. 120-123) Spiritual Israelites had corresponding experience. (Pp. 126-129, *note* ¶¶39, 40) Are we striving to meet requirements so we can enjoy paradise now and forever?

How have you understood and explained Isaiah chapter 35? Parallel between return of Israel from Babylon and release of spiritual Israelites should help us see that the major, final and complete fulfillment of these restoration prophecies applies to the spiritual paradise. We are not saying there will be no literal corresponding developments like this in New Order; description matches conditions that existed in Eden, so we can expect similar conditions in New Order. But ought not view such future developments as the major or final application of Isaiah 35. (P. 139, *note* ¶23) God showered blessings on returned Israelites in miniature fulfillment and, later on, released spiritual Israel. (Isa. 35:1, 2; pp. 138-140) As it were, had eyes opened, ears unstopped, lameness removed, tongues freed to praise Jehovah; waters of life flowed forth. (Isa. 35:5-7; pp. 149-152) But how are you involved? Does this have direct effect on your outlook, personality, prospect for future? Study Isaiah's prophecy further.

Spiritual paradise is for clean persons. (10 min.; chap. 9) God made a way back to Promised Land for Jews who were clean of religious contamination. They were safe from animals and beastlike men. (Isa. 35:8, 9; pp. 154-157) Those heading to spiritual paradise also must be clean. Would not be terrorized by men or organizations. (Pp. 158, 159, *note* ¶¶14, 15) In both fulfillments release, return and resumption of pure worship were causes for rejoicing. (Isa. 35:10; pp. 162-167, *note* ¶22) Effort to qualify for spiritual paradise now rewarded with joy and prospect of paradise forever.

Be transformed, following pattern of our King. (15 min.; chaps. 10, 11) Paradise no place for rebellious, animalistic men. Ruler and inhabitants need personalities influenced by holy spirit. (Pp. 169, 170) Isaiah chapter 11 shows this. Jesus is the ruler. (Isa. 11:1, 2; pp. 173-176) We can look to him as Judge who delivers the oppressed. (Isa. 11:3-5; pp. 179-182) Subjects want to imitate him. Isaiah 11:6-8 depicts this transformation of personalities. (Pp. 184, 185) Is occurring *now.* (Pp. 187, 188, *note* ¶¶12, 14) Knowledge of Jehovah does not mentally affect animals, but it is affecting dispositions of humans. (Isa. 11:9; pp. 191, 194, *note* ¶¶22, 28) Many persons are gaining knowledge and gathering to Jesus. (Isa. 11:10; pp. 197, 201) Very existence of spiritual paradise now, accompanied by transforming of animalistic dispositions of people, should reassure us of certainty of corresponding peaceful conditions, even among animals, in New Order. Vital to enter and remain in spiritual paradise now, as it is forerunner of earthly paradise that true worshipers can enjoy forever.—Pp. 202-204, *note* ¶¶51, 52.

3. Looking Toward a Bright Future (*sl* chapters 12-15)

For future to be bright, major changes are needed. (20 min.; chap. 12) People are pessimistic about future, seeing that things are getting worse. No real solutions to international conflicts and population explosion are in sight from human sources. Still, Bible proves your future can be bright. For future to be bright, changes are needed. As wretched slum must be cleared away for something better to be built, so entire corrupt human system will be replaced, including false religion and bad governments. In order for *your* future to be bright, you need to understand and cooperate with what God will do. —Dan. 4:35; 2:44.

False religion is particularly reprehensible for misleading people. What is Creator's view of Christendom and Judaism, which claim to represent him? Matthew 13:31, 32 illustrates Christendom's growth as counterfeit of Kingdom, misleading millions. Context helps us to see application. In other illustrations concerning "the kingdom of the heavens," Jesus identified "the weeds" as "the sons of the wicked one," sown by the Devil, and "the birds" as agents of Satan. (Matt. 13:25, 38, 4, 19; Mark 4:15; pp. 207-209) Christendom is a fake "kingdom of the heavens" and is full of badness, as next parable indicates. (Matt. 13:33) "Leaven" is used in the Bible to represent a corrupting agent. (Pp. 209-211, *note* ¶11; 1 Cor. 5:6-8) Corresponds to foretold apostatizing of Christianity that led to founding of Christendom, which to this day is corrupt. (Pp. 212-214; Gal. 5:9, 19-21) God's judgment of her is revealed in Isaiah 34. (*No need to read every verse in this chapter; call attention to highlights.*)

Depicts legal case in Court of the Universe. (Isa. 34:1-4; pp. 216, 217) Prophecy is against Edom, longtime enemy of true worship. (Isa. 34:5-8; pp. 219-222) Modern counterpart is Christendom, which, like Esau, has shown lack of spiritual appreciation and has hated God's servants.—Pp. 224-227, *note* ¶¶47, 48.

Jehovah depicts a future without false religion. (10 min.; chap. 13) How will it be after Jehovah acts against Christendom? (Isa. 34:8) He foretells utter desolation. (Isa. 34:9-17; pp. 229-231) Revelation clarifies how this will occur. Describes world empire of false religion, of which Christendom is dominant part. (Rev. 17:1, 2, 5, 6; pp. 234, 235) Babylon the Great has ridden on international peace organization. (Rev. 17:3, 8, 11; pp. 237-239) This organization will turn on false religion. How? When? How is your future involved?—Rev. 17:16.

Bright future includes coming "great tribulation." (15 min.; chap. 14) In view of its long history and power, how could false religion be destroyed in future? Will be according to God's will. (Rev. 17:17; pp. 243, 244, 247, *note* ¶¶6, 7, 14) To have bright future we must get out of her and stay out. (P. 249) Destruction of false religion will be followed by political effort to wipe out God's servants. (P. 252, *note* ¶26) Is portrayed in Ezekiel chapters 38, 39 as attack by Gog of Magog, by Satan in debased condition since ouster from heaven. (P. 257) Seeing prosperous spiritual estate of God's people, enemies will be moved to attack. (Ezek. 38:10-12; pp. 258-260) We will need to rely on Jehovah. (P. 261) Attack brings on second part of "great tribulation." (Ezek. 38:18, 19; pp. 263, 265, 271, *note* ¶¶52, 64) How will humans be affected?

Future—dark for God's opposers, but bright for his friends. (10 min.; chap. 15) Effect will not merely be an end to opposing institutions and organizations. Human lives will be involved. (Rev. 19:19-21; p. 269, ¶61; p. 273, ¶2) Slain will be left exposed for consumption by animals. (Pp. 274-276) We can be confident in God's judgments; they will be perfect, righteous. (P. 279; Deut. 32:4) End of false religion and of rest of God's opposers will be cause for rejoicing. (Pp. 280-282, *note* ¶¶17, 21; Rev. 15:4) Will give us opportunity for eternal, happy life, truly a bright future.

4. What Will "New Heavens and a New Earth" Mean for You? (*sl* chapters 16-19)

Realize what is occurring and act accordingly. (25 min.; chap. 16) Would be foolish to ignore facts that affect one's life. Wisdom involves having and using knowledge. Many persons refuse to recognize what is occurring and what God says will soon occur. We know from fulfillment of prophecy that we are in "last days." But, as Peter foretold, many refuse to acknowledge this. (Luke 21:25, 26; 2 Pet. 3:1-4; pp. 283-285) They ignore Lord's command to be on watch. Will we? Many churches mistakenly expect physical return of Jesus, but his presence is invisible.—P. 228, *note* ¶14.

Can learn lesson from Noah's day. After mentioning our literal atmospheric heavens and our earth, Peter said that world of mankind of that time was destroyed. (2 Pet. 3:5, 6) Physical heavens and literal earth were not destroyed, nor were invisible spirit creatures. Wicked humans perished. (2 Pet. 2:5; pp. 290-292, *note* ¶23) 'By same word,' decree of God guarantees another coming destruction. As with Flood, this will not be of literal planet and stars or atmosphere, but of ungodly humans. (2 Pet. 3:7; pp. 293, 294) "Earth" symbolizes human society, and "heavens" represent human governmental systems. (Pp. 296, 297) So even though Satan is a ruler of human governments, he is not included in "heavens" of 2 Peter 3:7 that are stored up for destruction of ungodly men. We can be grateful that God has been patient. (2 Pet. 3:8, 9; pp. 299-301, *note* ¶43) On that day human governments will pass away and their constructed works will not escape. (2 Pet. 3:10; pp. 304-306, *note* ¶¶52, 55, 56) We can show wisdom by living with realization of what will come soon.—2 Pet. 3:11, 12; pp. 309, 310.

Kingdom action will make way for 'new heavens and new earth.' (10 min.; chap. 17) How will present heavens and earth be cleared away? God will use Kingdom. (Dan. 2:34, 35, 44; pp. 314-318) Daniel 2:44 does not include abyssing of Satan. (Pp. 319, 320, *note* ¶¶12, 14) What does 2 Peter 3:13 mean? Isaiah 65:17, 18; 66:22 aid us to see. Fulfilled in miniature when Zerubbabel became "new heavens" over "new earth" of restored Jewish remnant. (P. 321, *note* ¶19) In major fulfillment will have "new heavens" consisting of Jesus, who as a man on earth became permanent heir of Davidic Kingdom covenant, and 144,000 who are taken from earth actually to rule from heaven. (P. 323) New human society of true worshipers will turn our planet into global paradise. (Rev. 21:1-4; pp. 324-326) Before we can enjoy that, must make a decision.

On whose side during coming climax of world distress? (10 min.; chap. 18) Knowing what is coming brings us to a decision. On whose side are we now and will we be in future? Are we striving now to be acceptable to Jehovah? (2 Pet. 3:14-16; p. 327) Are we actively sharing in disciple-making work, helping others to gain salvation? (P. 328) Do we work for peace within congregation? (Pp. 330, 334) Christendom is not at peace or spotless. (P. 338) If we are on His side, we will see false religion destroyed. (P. 342, *note* ¶36) Will also receive protection when nations attack. (P. 346) So choosing God's side now is vital, means life.—P. 349.

What blessings will await us in peaceful "new earth"! (10 min.; chap. 19) Be confident, for God knows how to preserve his own. (2 Pet. 2:9; pp. 350, 351) Do not now know what conditions will exist immediately afterward, but can be certain we will rejoice. (Pp. 355, 356, *note* ¶13) Can then begin to turn earth into paradise. (P. 357, *note* ¶17) Christ can be our Eternal Father. (Isa. 9:6; p. 361) We will have "princes," such as elders who survive and faithful resurrected men. (Isa. 32:1, 2; pp. 362-364) So no matter how difficult our situation becomes before New Order is established, be determined to stay on God's side and in position to be blessed by "new heavens and a new earth."—Ps. 66:10-12; pp. 368-371, *note* ¶44.

Hospitality—A Mark of True Christianity

¹ All of us want to be hospitable, which really amounts to being cordial and generous in the receiving and entertaining of guests and strangers. Those who seek to qualify for appointment as elders should especially display this marvelous quality, which does so much to build warmth and togetherness in the congregation. (1 Tim. 3:1, 2; Titus 1:7, 8) However, each one of us should welcome strangers to the Christian meetings, showing equal interest in the lowly and in those well-to-do.—Rom. 12:13; Jas. 2:1-4, 9.

² What are some of the ways in which we can show hospitality? Since hospitality carries the thought of being "fond of strangers" (*Kingdom Interlinear*), this should surely show up in the Kingdom Hall. Not only adults, but younger ones can introduce themselves to newcomers and welcome them. Do you go out of your way to greet people? Do you learn their names? This is especially necessary if we are conducting a meeting. Incidentally, whether you have official responsibilities in the congregation or not, when was the last time you invited someone to share the hospitality of your home? Many new ones have been cut off by their former friends and families because of the truth. Surely this vacuum needs to be filled. They need to be welcomed warmly into our homes and hearts, thus making new friends and new family relationships.—Luke 18:29, 30; Jas. 2:14-16.

³ Displaying hospitality to everyone in the congregation is a big job, but if we spend a few minutes individually talking to even one person each week, we will soon begin to get acquainted with our brothers and all of us will benefit from this hospitable interchange. If you are embarrassed because you have forgotten a person's name, do not hesitate to inquire again. Sooner or later all of us will know one another's name, and this is the way it should be, as in any family. In one congregation near Bethel, a newly interested person was brought to a meeting for the first time. One of the things that impressed her the most was that the conductor knew everybody by name, even little children. What a warm, family-like spirit this helped to generate!

⁴ Of course, hospitality is a two-way street. Not only should those already in the congregation show hospitality toward the new ones, but perhaps those of you who are new in the truth could take the initiative to invite some to your home from time to time. Elaborate preparations are not required, but conversation on spiritual matters will be upbuilding. (Luke 10:38-42; compare Acts 16:15.) How vital hospitality is when we remember that only if we cultivate and maintain the spirit of love that prompts genuine expressions of hospitality can we gain God's approval. This is so because love is the very foundation of true worship. Christ said: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves."—John 13:35.

⁵ Clearly, warm, generous, openhearted hospitality based on a deep love for Jehovah and our fellow humans is a mark of true Christianity. Even if we have little, we are not deprived of showing the spirit of hospitality—genuine concern for others' welfare.

Helping the New Publishers

¹ Can you remember the first few times you associated with Jehovah's people? Nowadays with so many new ones flocking to Jehovah's organization we certainly rejoice and yet at the same time we want to ask ourselves, What can we do to help these many new ones learn all they can and, in turn, be useful in helping still other persons to follow Jehovah's way?

² Some new publishers have said they felt uneasy about answering questions at the book study because some of the brothers did not know their names. So if the publishers would learn the names of the new ones this would make it easier and more comfortable for the new ones to answer and seek counsel as such might be needed. Also, such simple things as filling out a field service report or a subscription slip, which come so easy to us who have been in the truth for a while, can be explained to the new publishers. The elder in charge of the Ministry School can approach newly associated ones and explain in detail the benefits of the school, making sure they get a schedule and learn about some useful tools for personal study, such as *"All Scripture Is Inspired," Sermon Outlines,* and so forth. Many of the things we take for granted are things that new ones need help in learning.

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JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	612	136.5	50.5	4.6	133.9
Pios.	19,380	94.1	33.6	3.0	86.7
Temp. Pios.	10,300	76.7	51.2	1.0	75.8
Pubs.	480,655	9.2	3.8	.4	12.7
TOTAL	510,947				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 8,759

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JUNE?

For many of us June was the month for attending the "Divine Sovereignty" district assembly program, and what a delightful time we had! Also, it was good to see that the 510,947 who shared in publishing the good news placed 822,358 books and made over 3,000,000 return visits. This is excellent indeed. Incidentally, from September through June, 7,359,773 books were placed in the field service, and as we all make more return visits and cultivate interest in the good news, surely this will result in opening the way for many more Bible studies.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for September: *Evolution* book, for 25c. Other 25c books may be offered, such as *True Peace and Security* and *Is This Life All There Is?* October: *Awake!* subscription and three booklets, for $1.50, or double subscription with six booklets, for $3.00. November: *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* and booklet, for 50c. (Please be sure to order your supplies now.)

◆ Congregation accounts should be audited soon after September 1.

◆ After the body of elders has considered the August *Kingdom Ministry* insert and determined who will be the new presiding overseer, field overseer, Bible study overseer, etc., with due regard for the rotation system, announcement should be made to the congregation. However, if the elders have in mind using a brother who is newly being recommended to the governing body for appointment as an elder, they will wait until he is appointed before giving him any definite assignment of oversight. See *or* book, pp. 67-69, 72.

◆ New presiding overseers should not request that congregation mail be sent to them if mail is already going to a different permanent address. A change should not be requested unless the one receiving it is planning to move or is otherwise unable to give proper attention to delivery. The mail should be delivered as soon as possible, especially if sent airmail or sent special delivery or if mail is received for traveling representatives of the Society.

◆ New Publications Available:

God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —Japanese
God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached —French
Is This Life All There Is? —Japanese
Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand! —English, Spanish
One World, One Government, Under God's Sovereignty —English, French, Spanish

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

Using the Bible in Introducing Ourselves

1 As you preach from house to house, what main impression would you like to leave? Would it not be that you are a disciple of Jesus, speaking from the Word of God? But for a person to be known as a disciple of Jesus Christ, it stands to reason that he must be equipped and ready to use the Bible in his preaching and teaching activity. Of course, to use the Bible effectively requires preparation, but surprisingly it is no more difficult than going to the doors and just making a brief magazine presentation. To illustrate: Have you ever thought of going to the door, Bible in hand, and saying something like the following?

2 "Hello, I'm sharing a thought from the Bible on the promise of better times for the people. It is from the book of Revelation (21:4), which says of God: 'He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more.'" There you have a brief, but pointed introduction, and from the Bible you have read God's words for the benefit of the householder. From there you may either proceed directly to what you have to offer, be it magazines, books or a Bible, or you can go into a more lengthy presentation if the householder permits. The main thing is that you are clearly representing yourself to the householder as a disciple of Jesus speaking from the Bible.

3 Here is another short introduction that you might find effective: "Good morning, I'm glad I found you at home, as I have a brief message for you from your Bible, which I know will bring you comfort in these times of distress. It is here in Proverbs 29:2." Then read this brief scripture and either go on to make the offer or extend the sermon. It is not necessary to read a long Scripture verse. Often just a part of the verse—the part you wish to impress on the householder—is all that is needed, and then move on to the offer you have.

4 How refreshing this can be to those at the doors who will listen! And as you leave the door they will recall that a disciple of the Lord Jesus was at their home, preaching from the Word of God, the Bible. If you try it, we are sure that you will fully enjoy it.

Helping New Publishers *(Cont'd)*

3 New publishers can help us to assist them by getting acquainted with the elders, introducing themselves, even on more than one occasion, if necessary. If new ones would introduce themselves to the one conducting the meeting, taking the initiative in this, this would be helpful. Don't hesitate to ask the older ones for assistance in connection with any of the services mentioned above. If some of the older ones are busy on a particular occasion, don't take this as an evidence of their lack of concern for you, but seek them out again. This valuable interchange of encouragement will unite us together as a happy family, helping one another to progress in the truth and follow God's way.

Suggested Presentation

Wickedness—Soon to End!
Ps. 37:9, 10—Soon wicked ones will be no more.

Choose Life *(Cont'd)*

for those on the outside as shown by witnessing to them and by setting a godly example, but love also for those inside the Christian congregation. (1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8) Even if you are new in the truth, have you looked around the Kingdom Hall recently or at your book study group to see whom you can help? Who might need your love, your kindness, your encouragement? Who might need some comfort because of hard conditions at home or because of other problems that have come up recently? So, in addition to your attending meetings and participating in the field service, you can display this marvelous quality of love in many ways, including the attitude you display toward your neighbors and those with whom you may work at secular employment. This loving outlook on your part will give added evidence that you have chosen life by making it your determination to do things in God's way.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **Good news from Turkey! The Turkish government, on May 21, 1975, approved the charter of a local religious corporation of Jehovah's witnesses. Under the provision of the charter, Jehovah's witnesses are now being allowed to hold public meetings. Also, on November 29, 1974, the 20th District Court of Istanbul ruled that Jehovah's Christian witnesses are a religious body. According to that decision, each baptized Witness can now officially register his religion.**

◆ **Italy for the first time reports 50,506 publishers. Special pioneers now pass the 500 mark, and 97 percent of the country has been assigned to some congregation as territory to work regularly.**

◆ **A new land area has been opened for regular witnessing, since two special pioneers are now serving on St. Pierre and Miquelon, two small French islands about 10 miles south of Newfoundland.**

◆ **Australia reports they now have 6 Greek, 1 Yugoslav, 1 Arabic, 4 Italian and 2 Spanish congregations in the country. They have 27 more congregations than a year ago and also reached a new peak of 28,813 publishers.**

Question Box

- What effect do our conduct and appearance have on those who view us as we share in the field service on the streets?

It is evident that our conduct and dress have a bearing on our being effective representatives of the good news. Passersby are drawn to us if our appearance is fitting, our clothes clean and neat, our speech dignified and direct. At times publishers are seen steadily conversing with each other while engaged in the street work. It is good to remember, though, that we engage in this work, not to count time, but to help people. An elderly couple we know of, both over seventy years of age, have outstanding success in the field service, mostly in the street work, placing an average of 35 books and 165 magazines each month between them. What makes them so productive, even though they do not speak the English language well? It is their genuine sincerity coupled with their fine, clean appearance as they approach passersby. Month after month their joy is clearly manifest because of their happiness in giving.

There are some who are unable physically to approach people on the street, but these brothers and sisters, usually elderly ones, faithfully stick to their assignment and speak to those who come toward them, offering the latest copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* We commend our older brothers and sisters for their zealous work. But where physically able to do so, it is best to approach people. Do it in a dignified, friendly way. Avoid arguments and long conversations. Be kind, courteous and tactful. This, of course, applies in all facets of our activity.

★ Have You Tried Using a One-Scripture Presentation Yet? ★

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KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OCTOBER 1975 "I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.' "—Ps. 91:2. VOL. XVIII NO. 10

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Here is something new! Something to aid you in making more return visits, and starting more home Bible studies. How?

Well, the Society is planning to print three new booklets for the *Watchtower* campaign. Each one has been written in a simple manner especially for the public. These three booklets will be offered as a premium with a year's subscription. Each publisher obtaining a new subscription will want to make a return visit and endeavor to start a home Bible study in the booklet that appeals most to the individual with whom he left them.

The titles of these new 32-page booklets are (1) *A Secure Future—How You Can Find It,* (2) *There Is Much More to Life!* and (3) *Is There a God Who Cares?*

Of course, you will want to know what they are about, so the public talks to be given on December 14, December 21 and December 28 will be based on these booklets. Each speaker will be given a copy of the booklet that he is to use and he can prepare the talk covering the points in the booklet assigned to him. The publishers can obtain their copy of each particular booklet after the talk is given and can review the questions on the paragraphs so as to be ready for the January campaign.

Now, suppose a person does not subscribe for the magazines for a whole year and get the premium offer. What then? The publisher will drop down to two magazines and these three new booklets and offer them on a contribution of 25 cents. The booklet that the publisher thinks will appeal most to the householder should be on top and he should use that booklet as a talking point. If the person does not want this offer, then present just one booklet for 5 cents. The publisher should then return the following week and talk over that

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Jehovah's Day Is Near!

¹ The apostle Peter emphasized the certainty of the coming of Jehovah's "day." Regardless of when it would actually arrive, it was something to be reckoned with. For that reason he said: "What sort of persons ought you to be . . . awaiting and keeping close in mind the presence of the day of Jehovah." (2 Pet. 3:11, 12) Today we are living some 1,900 years later, which means that Jehovah's day is that much closer. We must keep wide awake spiritually, appreciating that Jehovah's day is now immediately ahead.

² Since we are interested in the lives of people, it is important that we urgently warn all whom we can, awakening them to the imminent presence of Jehovah's day. What a fine aid the *Awake!* magazine is for doing this excellent work. For 56 years now, *Awake!* has been used to carry a lifesaving message to the people to alert them to the times in which we live. Every two weeks more than nine million copies in 31 languages currently are put into the hands of the people world wide. It will be a pleasure to feature *Awake!* again during October. Since most people identify *Awake!* as a companion to *The Watchtower,* why not offer both subscriptions, with six booklets, for $3.00?

³ Much good is also accomplished by the distribution of individual copies of the magazines. During October we have outstanding issues of both magazines to use. The special *Awake!* of October 8 will be titled "A Sound Guide for Modern Living," and the October 22 issue will also be most interesting on the subject "Does It All End Here?" The October 15 *Watchtower* will feature the subject of the public talk given at the recent district assemblies, "One World, One Government, Under God's Sovereignty." It will accomplish much good if we put forth an extra effort to get these into the hands of many people. Will you have a share?

⁴ Then, during November, we will enjoy the special distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 21, presenting the subject "Your Future—Shaky? or Secure?" It emphasizes the fact that neither politics nor science, but only God's kingdom will bring us a secure future and deliverance through the coming day of Jehovah. So as Peter said, "What sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion!" Our zealous activity in distributing these tracts from November 1 to 10 will be one way to show that we are indeed "keeping close in mind the presence of the day of Jehovah."—2 Pet. 3:11, 12.

⁵ Following the distribution of the tracts, we will be privileged to offer in the field for the first time the latest book, *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!,* along with a booklet, for 50c. Among the interesting facts found in this publication are comments about "Jehovah's day." This is a special period of time when Jehovah actively moves against his enemies and on behalf of his people.

⁶ Thus in many ways and by use of various publications Jehovah's organization is endeavoring to alert the people to the nearness of Jehovah's day and to help them to appreciate the good news of God's kingdom. But usually personal attention and instruction are necessary. That is one reason why the booklets are offered with the subscription and also the larger books. Be sure to include with both offers a booklet, such as the *"Look!"* booklet or *"This Good News of the Kingdom,"* which are good for starting a home Bible study. Using one of these for study, in just a few weeks

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★ Viewing as Close the Presence of Jehovah's Day. ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 12

10 min: Song 105. Welcome to meeting; discussion of Ezekiel 39:25. Highlight why it is appropriate that Jehovah shows exclusive devotion for his name, and how we also can show such devotion.

20 min: "Jehovah's Day Is Near!" Questions and answers. Interview publishers who have obtained subscriptions. Did they get them in house-to-house work or on return visits? What seemed to appeal to the subscriber? Have discussion between two publishers, one giving talking points on an article from *Awake!* and the other from *The Watchtower* with a view to offering both subscriptions. Ask audience for other helpful talking points.

15 min: Starting Bible Studies During the Subscription Campaign. [Demonstration] Two publishers finished taking subscription; promise to return with new magazines. After leaving, one says may offer *Truth* book on return visit to try to start study. Other publisher asks, "Why not start study in one of the booklets left with the subscription?" [Chairman] Let's see how this might be done. [Demonstration] As in original scene, they finish taking subscription. Second publisher calls attention to *"Look!"* booklet, explaining that many people would like to know more about the Bible but have found it difficult to understand. However, Jehovah's witnesses are offering to help householder find out from his own Bible how God is going to bring back paradise to earth. Comment on cover of *"Look!"* booklet. (Brief study is started in *"Look!"* booklet, paragraphs 1-4.) [Chairman] Examining the scriptures in this booklet and discussing them together can be done in relatively few visits. Encourage trying this with all subscribers.

15 min: Concluding comments, including field service report for congregation. Mention distribution of tracts November 1-10; encourage all to plan ahead so as to share fully. Arrangements should be made to cover any territory not covered with previous tract. Discuss highlights of *Watchtower* article, "Giving God the Exclusive Devotion He Merits," 6/15/75, p. 380. Song 66.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 19

Building Up Our Spiritual Family

10 min: Song 45. Introduction and discussion of Matthew 12:46-50. (See *Aid*, page 262.)

15 min: Getting to Know One Another. How many are new in the congregation in the last year or so? We should know our spiritual brothers and sisters well to help them progress to Christian maturity. Interview several. Discuss how they first heard of the truth and any obstacles they had to overcome. What particularly helped them see it was the truth? How have they been encouraged to stay close to Jehovah?

12 min: Helping Each Other Spiritually. Talk highlighting need to progress spiritually. (Heb. 5:11–6:1) New ones attracted to the congregation by the things they learn, appreciating spiritual truths instead of tradition and ritual. How can we help them continue progressing toward maturity? Association in addition to the meetings is especially encouraging. Do you know someone you could help this way? Many need continued help in study even after baptism. May wish to invite new ones to share in your family study at times. Are there some in your book study who would be happy to share in field service with you? Help may also be appreciated preparing a field presentation or a part for the School. We want to offer such spiritual assistance, thus showing we feel the same way toward our spiritual brothers as Jesus did.—Matt. 12:50.

13 min: Showing Love in a Practical Way. Comment briefly on James 2:15, 16. Do not want to see any of our spiritual family neglected. [Demonstration] Two sisters talking about elderly sister, not getting to meetings, apartment not kept up properly; why don't elders do something for her? One comments, "Of course, she is our sister in the truth too; maybe we should do something ourselves." Agree this is a good idea. Plan to take turns picking her up for meetings, seeing what they can do in a tactful way to help her clean her apartment since she is getting feeble. [Ask congregation.] What kinds of things can sisters do to help others in the congregation in a practical way? What can teen-agers do? What can elders do to help others in the congregation? All of us can show love by warmly welcoming all attending meetings. How can love be shown in other practical ways in harmony with John 13:35?

10 min: Concluding comments. Accounts report. Since we want to help others come into Jehovah's spiritual family, invite all interested persons and former subscribers to obtain subscriptions again. Persons who are studying, who put out the free *Awake!* magazines during October, may be offered five copies of the tract to distribute. Or, if they qualify, invite them to come along with you in this fine work and share in distributing the tracts in the field, thus helping them toward becoming our spiritual brothers. (Luke 18:28-30) Obtain supplies of tract. Song 9.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 26

15 min: Song 18. Introduction; family group discusses contents of *Kingdom News* No. 21. (As song is sung, distribute copies to any present who need a copy in order to follow discussion.)

12 min: "Orderliness, a Fine Quality for All." Talk with some audience participation to show various ways all can display this quality.

15 min: Branch Letter. Discuss enthusiastically, with audience participation.

18 min: Concluding comments and pertinent Announcements. Demonstration showing group just back from field service. Their conversation covers: (1) plans for tract distribution, getting out often enough to distribute full supply, (2) recent experiences in field service, (3) comment that after tracts are distributed we will be offering new book *Man's Salvation*. Discuss talking points, also that free booklet will be placed with the book with a view to starting a discussion of key Bible teachings. Song 24.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 2

12 min: Song 106. Welcome and brief talk on Matthew 11:29, 30. Stress enjoyment that comes from service, doing things Jehovah's way. Loss of joy comes when we turn aside. Discuss Question Box with audience.

20 min: Advocates of God's Kingdom Keep Making Disciples. Talk covering highlights of *1975 Yearbook*, p. 234, par. 1, through p. 256, par. 4, with some publishers prepared to comment on the following questions. Emphasize that Jehovah always provides the spiritual food and direction Christians need and prospers their disciple-making work. (1) How have Jehovah's people shown that they advocate God's kingdom, not any other form of government? (Pp. 234-237) (2) During the early 1960's, how did Jehovah give Christians timely direction regarding their relationship to secular governmental authorities? (Pp. 237, 238) (3) As to disciple-making, what publication and Bible study program were introduced in 1968? (Pp. 239, 240) (4) Why has it been necessary to expand the Watch Tower Society's printing facilities, and to whom must the credit go for theocratic prosperity? (P. 245) (5) In keeping with divine direction, what adjustments in congregation structure were made among God's people in 1971 and 1972? What are some benefits of the new arrangement? (Pp. 247-250) (6) What special work was outlined at the "Divine Victory" International Assemblies? How effective has this activity been? (Pp. 252, 253) (7) What provision of Jehovah has helped to make true disciples by revealing whether prospective baptismal candidates understand the Scriptures? (Pp. 253, 254) (8) Why should Jehovah's servants not be complacent now in the disciple-making work? Have we dedicated our lives to Jehovah God only until a certain year? (P. 256)

In conclusion, highlight the need to "keep on the watch," as we keep making disciples as advocates of God's kingdom.—Mark 13:32-37.

13 min: Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand! Talk on highlights of new book that will appeal to the public, with two brief demonstration offers.

Demonstration: (1) Publisher introduces himself as encouraging Bible reading and discussion. Shows householder the new book, highlighting title, (2) refers to Isaiah 33:2 on opening page (read). (3) Also reads statement on same page that book contains "A candid consideration . . ." (4) Offers book with *"Good News"* booklet. After offer is accepted suggests that if person has few minutes would like to demonstrate our arrangement for family Bible discussion. Explains that Bible answers questions in paragraph one.

Second demonstration: Publisher introduces self as calling from Kingdom Hall. Wants to share briefly some good news based on a prophecy that will affect us all. Reads 2 Peter 3:13; then says: "To help you know more about this wonderful promise from God, we are offering this new Bible study aid *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* along with a booklet designed for family Bible discussion, for just 50c. You will particularly enjoy the comments in the last chapter 'From World Distress into a Peaceful "New Earth." ' " Invites householder to Kingdom Hall for series of talks on new book during November. Offers to demonstrate Bible discussion using booklet.

15 min: Concluding comments. "Letting Undeserved Kindness Abound." Questions and answers. Mention arrangements to complete distribution of tracts and experiences in that work. Song 84.

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THEOCRATIC SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1976

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1976 the School schedule should be conducted in all congregations as follows:

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, The Watchtower* [w] and *Awake!* [g], and the books *Aid to Bible Understanding* [*ad*] and *Listening to the Great Teacher* [*te*] will be the basis for assignments.

INSTRUCTION TALK: No. 1: 15 minutes. This should not be just a summary of the assigned material. It should be a well-developed talk on a chosen theme, assigned to an elder if possible, or, when necessary, to a qualified ministerial servant. The coverage should not be superficial but should provide a presentation that is truly informative and helpful to the congregation.

ORAL REVIEW: 5 minutes. This will immediately follow the No. 1 talk, and will be conducted by the same brother who gave the talk. The review will be conducted, not the following week, but on the same night that the talk is given. The questions asked should help the audience to see clearly the main points covered.

TALK NO. 2: 6 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material. The reading assignments are short enough to permit the student to present explanatory information in his opening and concluding remarks, and even at fitting intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance, application of principles and expressions of appreciation for the wisdom reflected in the text may be included. The talk should be planned in a way that allows for all the assigned verses actually to be read. The allotted time should be fully utilized. The material may be presented as a talk to the congregation, or a boy may read it to his father or to another qualified older brother seated on the platform. The father or other older brother may then use questions to draw from the boy comments on the value of the material or he may offer suggestions with a view to helping him to improve his reading.

TALKS NOS. 3 AND 4: 6 minutes each. These talks are assigned to sisters whenever possible. When delivering one of these talks, the student may either be seated or standing. Although using mainly notes and the Bible, the students, when appropriate, may read excerpts or quotations from the assigned material. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field service, the congregation or elsewhere; at times the presentation may simply be informative conversation between family members or others. The sister giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting, but the material should be given prime consideration.

TALK NO. 5: 6 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience, it should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned material. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material especially lends itself to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to be considered next on the Speech Counsel slip. When a setting is selected, endeavor to choose one that will show practical use of the material assigned, where that is appropriate.

COUNSEL: Specific counsel on each student talk will be given, following the program of progressive counsel outlined at the bottom of the Speech Counsel slip. Appreciative comments on important points covered by speakers, whether stated by the counselor or elicited from the audience by means of review questions, can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. Be careful to use no more than two minutes for counseling each student talk.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime; neither should the counsel. Talks Nos. 2 through 5 will be stopped if necessary when the time is up.

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically a written review will be given. In preparation, review principally the material in *ad* and *te* and complete the assignment of personal Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this thirty-minute review. The balance of the hour will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper and, in reading off the answers, the school overseer will concentrate on the more difficult questions, stressing the matter of accurate knowledge and letting the audience turn to the textbooks where the answers may be checked. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of fifty or more students should arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other elders, if possible. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it seems advisable, sisters may take any talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talks Nos. 3 and 4.

ABSENTEEISM: If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 4 Bible reading: Luke 13 to 16

No. 1: *ad* p. 1264 ¶5 to p. 1266 ¶7. "Palestine."
No. 2: Luke 14:12-33
No. 3: *te* chapter 1
No. 4: w74 pp. 522, 523
No. 5: *ad* p. 1268 ¶4-12. "Papyrus."

Jan. 11 Bible reading: Luke 17 to 19

No. 1: *ad* p. 1268 ¶13 to p. 1269 ¶6. "Paradise."
No. 2: Luke 18:18-43
No. 3: *te* chapter 2
No. 4: g74 6/8 pp. 3, 4
No. 5: *ad* p. 1271 ¶1-5. "Parchment."

Jan. 18 Bible reading: Luke 20 to 22

No. 1: *ad* p. 1272 ¶19 to p. 1274 ¶9. "Passover."
No. 2: Luke 21:12-36
No. 3: *te* chapter 3
No. 4: w74 pp. 525-527
No. 5: *ad* p. 1281 ¶6-8. "Pearl."

Jan. 25 **Bible reading: Luke 23, 24**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1276 ¶7 to p. 1278 ¶3. "Paul."
No. 2: Luke 23:13-43
No. 3: *te* chapter 4
No. 4: g74 6/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1278 ¶4-8. "Paul—An Example Worthy of Imitation."

Feb. 1 **Bible reading: John 1 to 3**
No. 1: *ad* p. 949 ¶3 to p. 950 ¶9. "John, The Good News According to."
No. 2: John 3:16-36
No. 3: *te* chapter 5
No. 4: w74 pp. 629-631
No. 5: *ad* p. 1283 ¶14 to p. 1284 ¶3. "Pentateuch."

Feb. 8 **Bible reading: John 4 to 6**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1279 ¶9 to p. 1280 ¶7. "Peace."
No. 2: John 5:25-47
No. 3: *te* chapter 6
No. 4: g74 7/8 pp. 3, 4
No. 5: *ad* p. 1300 ¶13 to p. 1301 ¶1. "Pharaoh."

Feb. 15 **Bible reading: John 7 to 9**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1284 ¶4 to p. 1285 ¶5. "Pentecost."
No. 2: John 8:31-47
No. 3: *te* chapter 7
No. 4: w74 pp. 643-646
No. 5: *ad* p. 1301 ¶2-7. "Pharisees."

Feb. 22 **Bible reading: John 10 to 13**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1286 ¶6 to p. 1287 ¶6. "Perfection."
No. 2: John 10:1-18
No. 3: *te* chapter 8
No. 4: g74 7/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1289 ¶4-6. "Mankind's Return to Perfection on Earth."

Feb. 29 **Written Review. Complete Luke 13 to John 13**

Mar. 7 **Bible reading: John 14 to 18**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1291 ¶4 to p. 1292 ¶8. "Persecution."
No. 2: John 16:12-33
No. 3: *te* chapter 9
No. 4: w74 pp. 675, 676
No. 5: *ad* p. 1303 ¶3-6. "Philip No. 2."

Mar. 14 **Bible reading: John 19 to 21**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1296 ¶5 to p. 1298 ¶6. "Peter."
No. 2: John 21:1-24
No. 3: *te* chapter 10
No. 4: g74 8/8 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1311 ¶3 to p. 1312 ¶5. "Pilate."

Mar. 21 **Bible reading: Acts 1 to 4**
No. 1: *ad* p. 31 ¶6 to p. 32 ¶6. "Acts of Apostles."
No. 2: Acts 4:13-35
No. 3: *te* chapter 11
No. 4: w74 pp. 701, 702
No. 5: *ad* p. 1337 ¶8 to p. 1338 ¶4. "Presumptuousness."

Mar. 28 **Bible reading: Acts 5 to 7**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1305 ¶8 to p. 1307 ¶2. "Philistia, Philistines."
No. 2: Acts 5:17-42
No. 3: *te* chapter 12
No. 4: g74 8/22 pp. 6-8
No. 5: *ad* p. 1338 ¶5-14. "Pride."

Apr. 4 **Bible reading: Acts 8 to 10**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1324 ¶7 to p. 1326 ¶2. "Power, Powerful Works."
No. 2: Acts 8:14-39
No. 3: *te* chapter 13
No. 4: w74 pp. 715, 716
No. 5: *ad* p. 1327 ¶3 to p. 1328 ¶10. "Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God."

Apr. 11 **Bible reading: Acts 11 to 14**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1329 ¶4 to p. 1331 ¶5. "Prayer."
No. 2: Acts 13:13-43
No. 3: *te* chapter 14
No. 4: g74 9/8 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1343 ¶12 to p. 1344 ¶5. "Prison."

Apr. 18 **Bible reading: Acts 15 to 18**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1331 ¶6 to p. 1333 ¶4. "Preacher, Preaching."
No. 2: Acts 15:6-29
No. 3: *te* chapter 15
No. 4: w74 pp. 717-719
No. 5: *ad* p. 1358 ¶13-17. "Public Instructor."

Apr. 25 **Written Review. Complete John 14 to Acts 18** Remind those who received Test papers on 3/4/76 –

May 2 **Bible reading: Acts 19 to 21**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1335 ¶1 to p. 1336 ¶7. "Presence."
No. 2: Acts 20:17-38
No. 3: *te* chapter 16
No. 4: g74 9/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1358 ¶18 to p. 1359 ¶3. "Public Reading."

May 9 **Bible reading: Acts 22 to 25**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1339 ¶1 to p. 1341 ¶11. "Priest."
No. 2: Acts 24:10-27
No. 3: *te* chapter 17
No. 4: w75 pp. 38-41
No. 5: *ad* p. 1342 ¶1-7. "The Christian Priesthood."

May 16 **Bible reading: Acts 26 to 28**
No. 1: *ad* p. 1344 ¶10 to p. 1346 ¶9. "Prophecy."

No. 2: Acts 26:1-23
No. 3: *te* chapter 18
No. 4: g74 10/22 pp. 19, 20
No. 5: *ad* p. 1360 ¶10 to p. 1361 ¶2. "Purim."

May 23 Bible reading: Romans 1 to 4
No. 1: *ad* p. 1418 ¶6 to p. 1420 ¶4. "Romans, Letter to the."
No. 2: Romans 1:13-32
No. 3: *te* chapter 19
No. 4: w75 pp. 61, 62
No. 5: *ad* p. 1362 ¶6-9. "Quarrel."

May 30 Bible reading: Romans 5 to 8
No. 1: *ad* p. 1347 ¶1 to p. 1349 ¶2. "Prophet."
No. 2: Romans 6:1-23
No. 3: *te* chapter 20
No. 4: g74 11/22 pp. 21-23
No. 5: *ad* p. 1366 ¶4-6. "Rabbi."

June 6 Bible reading: Romans 9 to 12
No. 1: *ad* p. 1371 ¶17 to p. 1373 ¶8. "Ransom."
No. 2: Romans 12:1-21
No. 3: *te* chapter 21
No. 4: w75 pp. 92-94
No. 5: *ad* p. 1367 ¶3 to p. 1368 ¶1. "Rachel."

June 13 Bible reading: Romans 13 to 16
No. 1: *ad* p. 1378 ¶8 to p. 1380 ¶2. "Reconciliation."
No. 2: Romans 13:1-14
No. 3: *te* chapter 22
No. 4: g74 11/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1369 ¶11 to p. 1370 ¶5. "Rainbow."

June 20 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 1 to 7
No. 1: *ad* p. 379 ¶6 to p. 380 ¶11. "Corinthians, Letters to the."
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 3:1-23
No. 3: *te* chapter 23
No. 4: w75 pp. 125-127
No. 5: *ad* p. 1376 ¶9 to p. 1377 ¶3. "Rebekah."

June 27 Written Review. Complete Acts 19 to 1 Corinthians 7

July 4 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 8 to 12
No. 1: *ad* p. 1381 ¶13 to p. 1383 ¶5. "Registration."
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 10:12-33
No. 3: *te* chapter 24
No. 4: g74 12/8 pp. 3-6
No. 5: *ad* p. 1377 ¶4-12. "Rebelliousness."

July 11 Bible reading: 1 Corinthians 13 to 16
No. 1: *ad* p. 1385 ¶3-11. "Remnant."
No. 2: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
No. 3: *te* chapter 25
No. 4: w75 pp. 133-136
No. 5: *ad* p. 1378 ¶3-7. "Rechabites."

July 18 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 1 to 7
No. 1: *ad* p. 380 ¶12 to p. 381 ¶5. "Corinthians, Letters to the."
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 6:1-18
No. 3: *te* chapter 26
No. 4: g75 1/8 pp. 3-6
No. 5: *ad* p. 1380 ¶9-12. "Red Sea."

July 25 Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 8 to 13
No. 1: *ad* p. 1385 ¶12 to p. 1388 ¶2. "Repentance."
No. 2: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
No. 3: *te* chapter 27
No. 4: w75 pp. 163, 164
No. 5: *ad* p. 1388 ¶3-10. "Repentance."

Aug. 1 Bible reading: Galatians 1 to 6
No. 1: *ad* p. 614 ¶19 to p. 616 ¶9. "Galatians, Letter to the."
No. 2: Galatians 5:7-25
No. 3: *te* chapter 28
No. 4: g75 1/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1389 ¶5 to p. 1390 ¶6. "Repentance."

Aug. 8 Bible reading: Ephesians 1 to 6
No. 1: *ad* p. 521 ¶19 to p. 523 ¶4. "Ephesians, Letter to the."
No. 2: Ephesians 5:15-33
No. 3: *te* chapter 29
No. 4: w75 pp. 249-251
No. 5: *ad* p. 1381 ¶4-9. "Refine, Refiner."

Aug. 15 Bible reading: Philippians 1 to 4
No. 1: *ad* p. 1304 ¶5 to p. 1305 ¶7. "Philippians, Letter to the."
No. 2: Philippians 2:1-18
No. 3: *te* chapter 30
No. 4: g75 2/8 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1391 ¶8 to p. 1392 ¶3. "Reproach."

Aug. 22 Bible reading: Colossians 1 to 4
No. 1: *ad* p. 365 ¶10 to p. 366 ¶9. "Colossians, Letter to the."
No. 2: Colossians 3:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 31
No. 4: w75 pp. 267-269
No. 5: *ad* p. 1392 ¶13 to p. 1393 ¶11. "Respect."

Aug. 29 Written Review. Complete 1 Corinthians 8 to Colossians 4

Sept. 5 Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 to 5
No. 1: *ad* p. 1592 ¶1 to p. 1593 ¶4. "Thessalonians, Letters to the."
No. 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-22

No. 3: *te* chapter 32
No. 4: g75 2/22 pp. 3-5
No. 5: *ad* p. 1401 ¶3-10. "Retribution."

Sept. 12 Bible reading: 2 Thessalonians 1 to 3
No. 1: *ad* p. 1393 ¶15 to p. 1395 ¶5. "Resurrection."
No. 2: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
No. 3: *te* chapter 33
No. 4: w75 pp. 291-293
No. 5: *ad* p. 1396 ¶8 to p. 1397 ¶7. "Resurrection."

Sept. 19 Bible reading: 1 Timothy 1 to 6
No. 1: *ad* p. 1602 ¶8 to p. 1604 ¶3. "Timothy, Letters to."
No. 2: 1 Timothy 6:1-21
No. 3: *te* chapter 34
No. 4: g75 3/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1399 ¶2 to p. 1400 ¶5. "Resurrection."

Sept. 26 Bible reading: 2 Timothy 1 to 4
No. 1: *ad* p. 1410 ¶8 to p. 1412 ¶6. "Righteousness."
No. 2: 2 Timothy 3:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 35
No. 4: w75 pp. 297-299
No. 5: *ad* p. 1406 ¶1-7. "Reviling."

Oct. 3 Bible reading: Titus 1 to 3; Philemon
No. 1: *ad* p. 1302 ¶11-17; p. 1606 ¶4-9. "Philemon, Letter to"; "Titus, Letter to."
No. 2: Titus 2:1-15
No. 3: *te* chapter 36
No. 4: g75 4/8 pp. 8, 9
No. 5: *ad* p. 1409 ¶7 to p. 1410 ¶7. "Ridicule."

Oct. 10 Bible reading: Hebrews 1 to 8
No. 1: *ad* p. 745 ¶7 to p. 748 ¶2. "Hebrews, Letter to the."
No. 2: Hebrews 5:12 to 6:20
No. 3: *te* chapter 37
No. 4: w75 pp. 300-302
No. 5: *ad* p. 1415 ¶17 to p. 1416 ¶2. "Rock-Mass."

Oct. 17 Bible reading: Hebrews 9 to 13
No. 1: *ad* p. 1425 ¶13 to p. 1427 ¶3. "Sabbath Day."
No. 2: Hebrews 12:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 38
No. 4: g75 5/8 pp. 3-5
No. 5: *ad* p. 1416 ¶3 to p. 1417 ¶5. "Rod, Staff."

Oct. 24 Bible reading: James 1 to 5
No. 1: *ad* p. 868 ¶7 to p. 870 ¶1. "James, Letter of."
No. 2: James 4:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 39
No. 4: w75 pp. 331-333
No. 5: *ad* p. 1422 ¶20 to p. 1423 ¶3. "Ruler."

Oct. 31 Written Review. Complete 1 Thessalonians 1 to James 5

Nov. 7 Bible reading: 1 Peter 1 to 5
No. 1: *ad* p. 1298 ¶7 to p. 1300 ¶2. "Peter, Letters of."
No. 2: 1 Peter 3:1-22
No. 3: *te* chapter 40
No. 4: g75 5/22 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1424 ¶3 to p. 1425 ¶3. "Ruth."

Nov. 14 Bible reading: 2 Peter 1 to 3
No. 1: *ad* p. 1429 ¶8 to p. 1430 ¶8. "Sacred Secret."
No. 2: 2 Peter 3:1-18
No. 3: *te* chapter 41
No. 4: w75 pp. 359, 360
No. 5: *ad* p. 1431 ¶6-9. "Sadducees."

Nov. 21 Bible reading: 1 John 1-5; 2, 3 John; Jude
No. 1: *ad* p. 952 ¶2 to p. 954 ¶8. "John, The Letters of."
No. 2: 1 John 5:1-21
No. 3: *te* chapter 42
No. 4: g75 6/8 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 978 ¶7 to p. 979 ¶2. "Jude, The Letter of."

Nov. 28 Bible reading: Revelation 1 to 5
No. 1: *ad* p. 1403 ¶13 to p. 1405 ¶14. "Revelation to John, A."
No. 2: Revelation 3:1-22
No. 3: *te* chapter 43
No. 4: w75 pp. 459, 460
No. 5: *ad* p. 1436 ¶9 to p. 1437 ¶4. "Samaritan."

Dec. 5 Bible reading: Revelation 6 to 11
No. 1: *ad* p. 1442 ¶9 to p. 1444 ¶3. "Sanctification."
No. 2: Revelation 7:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 44
No. 4: g75 6/22 pp. 3-5
No. 5: *ad* p. 1445 ¶9-14. "Sanctuary."

Dec. 12 Bible reading: Revelation 12 to 17
No. 1: *ad* p. 1438 ¶9 to p. 1439 ¶8. "Samuel."
No. 2: Revelation 12:1-17
No. 3: *te* chapter 45
No. 4: w74 pp. 739-741
No. 5: *ad* p. 1447 ¶7 to p. 1448 ¶2. "Sarah."

Dec. 19 Bible reading: Revelation 18 to 22
No. 1: *ad* p. 1450 ¶7 to p. 1452 ¶5. "Satan."
No. 2: Revelation 21:1-14, 22-27
No. 3: *te* chapter 46
No. 4: g75 7/8 pp. 27, 28
No. 5: *ad* p. 1455 ¶2-5. "Savior."

Dec. 26 Written Review. Complete 1 Peter 1 to Revelation 22

Orderliness, a Fine Quality for All

1 Among the fine qualities required of overseers is that of being orderly. However, cultivating this trait is beneficial for all Christians, young and old, brothers and sisters. Being orderly carries the thought of being decorous, disciplined, regular, mannerly, having a well-arranged or well-ordered life. Do you show these qualities? —1 Tim. 3:2.

2 In the case of an overseer, he should show that he is orderly by following a pattern that others in the congregation can depend on in close adherence to Bible laws and principles, not disorderly. (2 Thess. 3:6, 7) He is self-controlled, balanced even when under pressure. While orderliness is not simply to be equated with punctuality or keeping accurate records, yet an overseer who is orderly would discipline himself to care for things properly and on time. (Note comments in 1973 *Watchtower,* page 472.)

3 An overseer who appreciates this quality will plan the meetings sufficiently in advance so they will be well-conducted, orderly meetings. By so doing he shows consideration for others and helps to avoid parts that are rushed in preparation and poorly developed. —1 Cor. 14:40.

4 When problems arise in the congregation, overseers who are orderly will show respect for God's Word by not being lax in caring for their responsibilities. They also show courtesy by arranging to consider promptly problems that arise, so that the brothers may be given assistance or counsel, rather than their putting things off indefinitely, thus causing frustration and uncertainty for others.—Prov. 13:12.

5 A father who appreciates orderliness will have things well arranged for his family to get to meetings, and on time, and to share in field service to keep them strong spiritually. If some in the family grow lax in appreciation for theocratic order, he may also have to apply to his own family the suggestion Paul gave at 1 Thessalonians 5:14.

6 In the home a Christian wife appreciates how important it is to apply Bible principles. She knows how good it is to have everything neat and in good order, so that the home reflects the application of godly principles. (Titus 2:4, 5, 10) She trains her children to keep things picked up and in their place. She can be depended on to keep things clean and orderly and to have meals prepared according to her family's schedule. (Prov. 31:15) Yes, in many ways orderliness can be shown by each one of us. Orderliness is an indication of maturity and a well-arranged life.

Letting Undeserved Kindness Abound

1 Last year throughout the world 127,135 pioneers, on an average, shared in conveying God's word to others. While many are not in a position to enjoy the privilege of pioneer service because of Scriptural responsibilities, we can all share in letting the light of truth shine.—2 Cor. 4:5, 6.

2 After paraphrasing Psalm 116:10 by saying, "I exercised faith, therefore I spoke," Paul commented, "we too exercise faith and therefore we speak." (2 Cor. 4:13) Is that the way you feel? Do you have that same "spirit of faith" that Paul spoke about? If so, have you asked yourself, "Am I in a position to become a regular pioneer?" Or perhaps you would like to try being a temporary pioneer as a first step toward making full-time pioneer service your way of life, joining the 127,135 who received many blessings due to spending pioneer time in the field service last year.

3 Some have held back from pioneering, feeling that it is more than they can do or that they are not really qualified for such service. Yet the qualifications are not difficult. (See the *Organization* book, pages 137, 140, 141.) And when a person makes the effort, he often experiences growth in teaching ability and faith.

4 Have you who are pioneers invited other brothers and sisters in your congregation to work with you as you share in this fine service? By doing so you will assist them to extend the hope of Jehovah's undeserved kindness to others. As Paul wrote: "In order that the undeserved kindness which was multiplied should abound because of the thanksgiving of many more to the glory of God."—2 Cor. 4:15.

5 Despite the rising cost of living, shortage of secular work, and the "anxieties of life," many have found it possible to continue in the pioneer ranks. (Luke 21:34) Some have found the suggestions for part-time employment in *Awake!* issues of May 8, 1975, July 8, 1975, and August 22, 1975, very helpful. By talking such problems over with the elders and other pioneers, you may gain additional suggestions to deal effectively with these pressures.

6 Regardless of whether we are pioneers or not, we all want to treasure our privilege of declaring Jehovah's undeserved kindness to others, not giving up, but keeping our eyes on the goal of everlasting life.—2 Cor. 4:16-18.

Announcements

◆ Literature offer for October: *Awake!* subscription, with 3 booklets, for $1.50; or a double subscription, with 6 booklets, for $3.00. November: *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!,* and one booklet, 50c. December: *New World Translation* (bi12) and *Great Teacher* book for $1.25.

◆ The Society now has a limited supply of the Songbook in grade-two English braille available. You may receive this 200-page, two-volume set free of charge by writing the Braille Desk. These sets are not to be stocked by the congregation.

◆ New Publications Available:
Is the Bible Really the Word of God?
—Laotian (Public rate: 50c.
Congregation rate: 45c.
Pioneer rate: 10c.)
True Peace and Security—From What Source? —Cebuano, Croatian

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:
"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts"
—Tagalog

◆ Whenever a Kingdom Hall address changes, please promptly notify the Society to assure our having correct information in our files.

◆ Congregations should place orders between October 15 and November 15 for the new booklets, *A Secure Future —How You Can Find It* (*fu*), *There Is Much More to Life!* (*ml*), *Is There a God Who Cares?* (*gc*). They should also order handbills for the three special talks during December if handbills are desired.

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	696	122.4	42.4	3.9	137.2
Pios.	19,000	90.3	33.0	2.9	89.8
Temp. Pios.	7,173	80.7	18.9	1.0	81.4
Pubs.	504,425	8.8	3.7	.4	12.8
TOTAL	531,294				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 11,002

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1975
557,004 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN JULY?

Despite the many attractions and diversions of summer, including assemblies, vacations, gardening, canning, etc., you nonetheless devoted much time (6,821,870 hours) and energy to preaching and teaching. There were 531,294 reporting field service, over 15,000 more than last July. Likely there were even more who actually shared in proclaiming the good news, as some, when away from home and the usual routine, forget to report their activity or are late getting in their reports. The 8,864,224 magazines that were placed hopefully reached the hands of those who will benefit from the faith-strengthening message therein. May their hearts also be moved to join those telling the good news to others in the future.

Suggested Presentation

You may use the October 8 *Awake!* along with Proverbs 3:5, 6, if desired.

Branch Office Letter *(Cont'd)*

particular booklet's contents and see if he can get a home Bible study started. In four to six studies he should be through the booklet. If the people wish to discuss another booklet, well and good, but by this time the publisher should know if the person really wants to go ahead with further Bible study. Then one of the pocket-sized books can be selected and used for study.

The whole idea is to get more Bible studies going during this coming winter so as to aid people to take their stand on Jehovah's side. Whether you get a subscription, or just place two magazines and the three booklets, or place one booklet, you have a basis for a return visit with the hope of starting a home Bible study and arousing the interest of the householder in God's kingdom. Jesus said we should "make disciples of people of all the nations," and while we still have the opportunity all of us will want to put forth an extraordinary effort to do just that. —Matt. 28:19, 20.

Congregations that have ordered handbills for December 14, 21 and 28 will find the three subjects that correspond with the titles of the booklets substituted for the ones that they listed in their order. This will be true of all public talks on those dates, including the ones given by circuit overseers and at circuit assemblies. As soon as the booklets are printed we will send sample copies to each congregation, and the presiding overseer will see to it that the speakers each get their copy so as to prepare their talks.

The presiding overseer will also consult with those who handle the movement of literature and those who keep the records of placements and try to determine how many booklets will be needed for at least the first two months of the *Watchtower* campaign, January and February, and then order the quantity required along with other literature that may be needed. This order should come to the Society sometime after October 15 and no later than November 15. Our suggestion is that you order at least five booklets of each of the three publications for each publisher, unless you think that you can use more. Take into consideration your pioneers too. At the end of January, or maybe earlier, after observing how the booklets are moving, you can place your second order so that you will have a sufficient quantity to take you through to the end of the *Watchtower* campaign in April.

These are going to be permanent booklets. So you do not have to order only for the campaign. You may order enough for six months, but do it in two orders. You may have to revise your thinking a little bit as to how well booklets will move, because we have not been stressing booklets. But we will do so now during the *Watchtower* campaign because we would like to use these new booklets to start Bible studies. That is our big aim in this campaign.

Congregations, Please Take Note: All handbills in English that you have ordered for some specific public meeting topic for December 14, 21 or 28 in the United States will automatically be changed by the handbill desk in Brooklyn to the new subjects for these dates. Other handbill orders, which set out just meeting times, will be printed as usual.

We are pleased to make this early announcement of this *Watchtower* campaign with its special emphasis on return visits and Bible studies. We hope that every publisher of the Kingdom will be enthusiastic about this special effort to start more Bible studies. More will be written later, but we want you to order now the quantity of booklets you will need for your congregation. Please do this after October 15 and before November 15.

Another thing we can all do is to pray to Jehovah that he will bless this arrangement and open up the hearts and minds of many to study the Bible with Jehovah's witnesses.

Be assured of our warm love and best wishes for an excellent *Watchtower* campaign.

Your brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

Jehovah's Day Is Near! *(Cont'd)*

you can give the householder a fine insight into Jehovah's wonderful purposes without feeling a need to offer something else to study first.

[7] Jehovah is certainly blessing the efforts of his people with marvelous expansion, and we rejoice to have a share in it. May Jehovah bless our work in the months ahead as we continue to 'keep close in mind the presence of Jehovah's day.'

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **There are now 19 assembly halls throughout the United States being used for circuit assemblies. Several more are being planned and there are two under construction, one at Janesville, Wisconsin, and another at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A fine hall was dedicated during June at Grantville, Pennsylvania, seating 1,300. A newly finished hall at Madera, California, has an auditorium seating 1,800.**

Question Box

● What action should the congregation take with regard to unbaptized associates who fall into serious wrongdoing?

The *Organization* book, page 174, shows that unbaptized wrongdoers who have been regularly associating with the congregation may be disciplined in a way similar to the way baptized wrongdoers are handled. Some have asked, What is meant by "regularly associating"?

These are not newly associated persons who are studying and who still have their worldly ways. Rather, the persons referred to as "regularly associating" are those who have made some progress in the way of truth and who have been attending meetings regularly over a period of time. Usually they have been sharing in field service, are enrolled in the School, and have come to be regarded by others as being Jehovah's witnesses.

If such an unbaptized associate falls into serious wrongdoing, the elders should talk to him about what is said in the *Organization* book, pages 128, 129. If after that he is still *unrepentant,* in spite of repeated efforts of the elders to help him with his problem, then the congregation and its members must be protected from the danger of contamination, in harmony with Paul's counsel at Galatians 5:9. Announcement should be made that his conduct is "unbecoming a Christian," and that for anyone to continue associating with him would not be in harmony with the counsel of 1 Corinthians 15:33. He will be denied the privilege of giving student talks, participating in demonstrations from the platform, etc. No field service reports would be accepted from such a person. In the event the elders later are satisfied that this person shows fruits of repentance, it would be proper to announce that the restrictions on him have been lifted. With the elders taking the initiative, the congregation can then continue giving loving aid with the view of helping the repentant one along the way to life.

There may be others, not yet "regularly associating," who are studying and starting to attend meetings, but who are still contaminated with worldly uncleanness. Of course, no action needs to be taken against these, but they should be encouraged to take steps to clean up their lives. Only when they have done this should they be invited to accompany the publishers in the field service, share in presentations from the platform, etc. (See *Organization* book, pages 128, 129.) It is our hope that, as they study and apply God's Word, they will be motivated to make the necessary changes to become acceptable to Jehovah.

★ **Try to Start Bible Studies with Subscribers.** ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NOVEMBER 1975

"I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2.

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Everyone is keenly interested in what happened in the United States during the 1975 service year. Well, we had a fine new peak of 560,879 publishers, with a monthly average of 534,765.

However, one million fewer bound books were distributed this year, the total being 8,887,673. Another point: while a really marvelous witness was given and 92,925,486 hours were spent in giving the Kingdom proclamation, yet this was 6,725,000 fewer hours than the previous year, even though we had 28,398 more workers in the field each month. Why?

Here is the answer: The monthly average of hours for the special pioneers was one hour less than for the year before. Regular pioneers also averaged one hour less, as did the temporary pioneers and the congregation publishers. That totals 6,417,000 fewer hours than for the previous year. Nevertheless, a truly remarkable witness was given. Maybe in 1976 all of us can pay a little more attention to budgeting our time. The apostle Paul said, 'We must buy out the opportune time.'—Eph. 5:16.

Another thought-provoking point was the drop of 10,000 in the number of home Bible studies conducted weekly. Interestingly, there were also 10,000 fewer persons baptized. Bible study activity is something that we are going to try to improve by use of the three new study booklets during the *Watchtower* campaign. These will provide a good basis for return visits. So we hope and pray that the first four months of the 1976 calendar year will see a fine increase in this activity. A vital part of our work is to try to make disciples of Christ Jesus.

By the way, Brother Knorr recently visited five branches in Europe. He spoke to 3,075 in a packed-out new assembly hall in the Netherlands on September 19. Then, on the 23rd, he shared in the

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The Door Is Still Open!

[1] At our recent district assemblies one of the dramas reminded us that, in the days of Noah, Jehovah made it very clear when the opportunity for others to gain salvation in the ark had ended. It was not Noah who shut the door. After Noah and his family, along with specimens of the birds and animals, had gone into the ark at the appointed time, then, as the Bible says, "Jehovah shut the door behind him."—Gen. 7:16.

[2] What about our own day? Now it is the spiritual paradise that is the antitypical ark, Jehovah's provision for survival. Though there was a time when the anointed class did not realize that there would be gathered into this place of safety a "great crowd" of persons with eternal life on earth in view, such an ingathering is now taking place. (Isa. 55:5) Right down to this time large numbers of such persons are gaining entry into the spiritual paradise. During just the past service year, right here in the United States, 71,300 persons were baptized in symbol of their dedication to Jehovah through Jesus Christ, the Greater Noah. Obviously, the door is still open!

[3] How inappropriate it would be for any of us to endeavor in effect to pull that door shut prematurely by letting up in the preaching of the good news! God's will is that "all sorts of men should be saved and come to an accurate knowledge of truth." (1 Tim. 2:3, 4) The ingathering of recent months is an indication that there is work yet to be done. Blessings come to us when we harmonize our lives with God's will. And we have opportunity to do that during November by offering in the field service a book that discusses at length the spiritual paradise and how to get into it. The book also points to the delightful prospects for the future that await persons who take the necessary steps now to be numbered among the survivors of the "great tribulation." This is the new book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* Let's be enthusiastic about offering it to others.

[4] Of course, we encourage interested ones to do more than simply peer into the spiritual paradise. True, it is delightful to read about it. It is refreshing to attend meetings at the Kingdom Hall, associating with persons who produce the fruitage that is characteristic of that paradise. But to establish themselves as residents of that spiritual paradise, they must make a commitment, acknowledging, "Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb." (Rev. 7:10; see also verses 16, 17.) This involves dedication, publicly symbolized by water immersion. Have you made such a commitment? This is no time to put off making such a dedication to Jehovah God.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

[5] Once inside, we need to be sure that we stay there. This includes submitting ourselves to the King of the spiritual paradise, Jesus Christ, and working in genuine harmony with others dwelling there. Harmonizing our lives with God's purpose requires that we do this. (Eph. 1:9, 10; Ps. 133:1) Genuinely unselfish cooperation should mark all our dealings with one another. This is true, not only within our individual congregations, but in our relations with other congregations. This generous spirit should be evident in working out meeting times between congregations that share the same Kingdom Hall, in caring for expenses involved in maintaining the hall, yes, even in helping another congregation, whether personally or congregationally, to build a new Kingdom Hall that we may not personally use. Unlike the world, our concern should not be to seek advantage for ourselves, but to promote wholeheartedly the build-

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★ **Harmonizing Our Lives with God's Purpose.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 9

15 min: Song 3. Introduction, including discussion of the text from *Yearbook,* with comments from audience; emphasize what the text itself means, also how it affects our lives in a practical way. Discuss Branch Letter; encourage ordering the *1976 Yearbook.*

15 min: "The Door Is Still Open!" Talk. Invite audience to read scriptures.

20 min: Will You Share in Preaching the Good News?

Mention that the majority present doubtless share in preaching the good news to others. Some got started with distribution of *Kingdom News* No. 21. Others have not yet participated; perhaps there are a few who used to share in field service regularly but who do so only rarely now. Some Scriptural thoughts will help all.

(As you discuss this material and as time permits, invite audience to read and comment on scriptures.) Attending meetings is commendable; can indicate a desire for spiritual things; but not enough in itself. Other people also need to learn about Jehovah and his purposes. (Rom. 10:13, 14) Jesus set the example for us; taught his followers to preach as he did. (1 Pet. 2:21; Luke 8:1) More required to please God than saying that we believe. (Jas. 2:18-26) Jesus is called the "faithful and true witness." How does he feel about those who are indifferent about the work entrusted to his congregation? (Rev. 3:14-16) What is it that will motivate us to share in the preaching work that God has given his people to do? (Mark 6:34; Luke 10:25-28) What if we do not feel that we have the ability to do the work? —1 Cor. 1:26, 27; 2 Cor. 3:5.

Explain that training will be provided for any who desire it. Urge them to ask for personal training from the one who studies with them or from their congregation book study conductor. Encourage them to continue to make progress, appreciate full significance of being a dedicated servant of God, not merely an outsider looking in, but one of the people in whom Jehovah takes pleasure. —Ps. 149:4.

10 min: Concluding comments. Accounts report. Include reminder of public talk on Sunday and what to do in preparation. (See September *Kingdom Ministry* insert under heading "What Will You Do?") Song 116.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 16

15 min: Song 49. Introduction is to be a talk, with some audience participation, built around material in article "Who Really Is Irreprehensible?" Have some scriptures read. Be upbuilding.

20 min: Good Communication. (Prov. 15:22) Open discussion with *audience* analyzing importance and benefits of good communication among elders, ministerial servants and within Christian households. Chairman should use additional questions to be certain local needs highlighted. (w74, pp. 305-311, 313, 367 and 368; g 8/8/72, pp. 3 and 4) The elder handling this part will find it beneficial to get ideas as to needs of congregation from other elders in advance and should have in mind what he wants to develop. Communication among elders may be considered from viewpoint of those who may someday qualify, so that they appreciate before they become elders why it is important.

Within family circle, who needs to communicate? (Father, mother, children. Take each specifically and ask, Why? How? What can restrain? How to improve?)

How can communication between publishers and elders be improved? If some fearful of approaching elders, how can this be overcome? What things should publishers communicate to elders? (Things observed needing attention around Kingdom Hall or other matters that need to be cared for, such as matters regarding moral uncleanness, etc.) Why? What should elders tell congregation? (Not confidential matters, but progress of congregation, of the work locally, Kingdom Hall building or remodeling work, etc.) Why is communication necessary between elders; between elders and ministerial servants? (Prov. 13:10) What could result if communication is lacking between them, and what results where there is fine communication? Chairman concludes, briefly encouraging all to communicate freely so there may be free flow of Jehovah's spirit.—Matt. 18:20.

15 min: "Your Share in Field Service." Start with discussion of what local congregation is doing in field service; warmly commend all for efforts put forth; if there are aspects that need attention, mention these. Then cover article, with audience participation. Take time to read the paragraphs. Announce any plans for field service on world's Thanksgiving Day.

10 min: Concluding comments. Include Question Box. Build up appreciation for Sunday public talk; mention a few portions of the Bible itself that will be covered. Song 28.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 23

15 min: Song 29. Warm welcome. Comment briefly on why we have weekly service meeting (see *Organization* book, p. 97, par. 1). Then direct attention to newer ones, covering following thoughts: Majority at meeting are Jehovah's witnesses. Quite a number are not yet Witnesses, but you come to meetings, and we are glad you are here. You know our schedule of meetings, but there might be other things that you would like to know about. (1) What if you would like to get extra copies of magazines for your family or to give to friends? Explain how. (2) May be interested in what is in our literature bookroom. Mention such things as songbook, *Concordance,* large-print Bible, *Kingdom Interlinear, "Make Sure"* (with a sentence or two about value of each of these publications). (3) Tell about Kingdom Hall library and arrangement for using books. (4) Comment on spiritual help available from mature publishers, including elders.

25 min: "Do You Appreciate Your Blessings?" Talk based on article in September 15, 1975, *Watchtower.* Emphasize aspects that will be most helpful locally. For final ten minutes, interview publishers as to blessings that they have enjoyed in recent months. (Include spiritual provisions, with specific comments on things learned; blessings enjoyed in field; etc.)

20 min: Concluding comments. Discuss prospects for finding Bible studies to conduct. Many would like to conduct a study but have not found one; others wonder whether they could do it. Get brief comments from those in congregation who are conducting studies to learn how they got them started. (Prepare in advance. Seek variety, to illustrate need for persistence in making return visits; to show good results from offering to study with friends, workmates, schoolmates; to show benefit of kindly offering to study with unbelieving family members or other relatives.) Ask audience why home Bible studies are important in our service. Stress joy that comes from conducting a study. (1 Thess. 2:19, 20) Include any needed Announcements. Song 82.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 30

15 min: Song 2. News of Theocratic Interest. By describing events that would mark the time of his invisible presence, Jesus encouraged us to be alert to what takes place around us. Cite a few recent items from "Watching the World" or from "Insight on the News" that illustrate fulfillment of Matthew 24 or 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Connect items from Theocratic News with Matthew 24:14.

Briefly mention that there is also very interesting information in December 1 *Watchtower* study articles. Do not discuss, but encourage all to read.

10 min: 'Jehovah Remembers that We Are Dust.' Talk based on article in September 1, 1975, *Watchtower.*

20 min: "Presenting the Good News —With the *New World Translation.*" Cover paragraphs 1, 2 with audience participation. Demonstrate the suggestions in paragraphs 3, 4, and after each demonstration discuss high points with audience to fix these in mind.

15 min: Concluding comments. For benefit of those newly associated and newer publishers, discuss reporting of field service. Ask audience: Who turn in reports? Where do they get report slips? What is reported as literature placed? What do we include in "hours"? "return visits"? How do we report studies? Why do we turn in reports? Song 32.

AUGUST SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	765	126.9	41.6	3.7	150.8
Pios.	19,091	90.3	31.9	2.8	93.5
Temp. Pios.	9,761	78.9	17.6	.9	83.2
Pubs.	517,320	9.2	3.7	.4	13.9
TOTAL	546,937				

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dedication of a new Bethel home and remodeled factory in Wiesbaden, Germany. There were 1,009 present for this faith-strengthening occasion. A few days later, in Italy, Brother Knorr spoke to 10,540 in a stadium in Florence, and to 2,045 in Roseto degli Abruzzi.

It has been a good year, and all of our brothers are joyful, full of faith, working hard. We continually pray for His blessing on all His witnesses world wide, as we earnestly try to harmonize our lives with His purpose.

Your brothers,
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Who Really Is Irreprehensible?

1 When writing approvingly of those brothers who 'reach out for an office of overseer,' the apostle Paul reminded Timothy: 'The overseer should be irreprehensible.' (1 Tim. 3:1, 2) But it is not only of overseers that this is expected. In the same book of the Bible, other members of the congregation are also urged to be irreprehensible. (1 Tim. 5:7) Just what does being irreprehensible mean?

2 The point is that all of us need to appreciate that our conduct is not merely a personal matter. What we do reflects on our family, the congregation, and the name of God. We ought to conduct ourselves in a way that brings credit to Jehovah and to his people. Not only should we *speak* about right conduct, but each individual should be "an example of fine works." (Titus 2:6, 7) In spite of one's doing that, some people may misconstrue what one does and find fault, as members of the Jewish congregation did with Jesus. (Luke 7:34, 35) But the idea in Paul's admonition is that no *valid* accusation can be made against the person.

3 Of course, none of us are sinless. Under examination we can all be proved to have flaws; we all miss the mark. (1 John 1:8) But we should not be failing in any serious way to conform to the requirements of God's Word, so that we would need to be reproved. (See Galatians 5:19-21.) We ought to endeavor sincerely to apply Bible principles in all matters of life. Is that true of you? Is it true at home and with your relatives? Is it true at work, also in your recreation? Is your way of life such that others appreciate that you are an imitator of Christ? —Compare 1 Corinthians 11:1.

4 In imitating Christ, attention needs to be given, not only to the activities in which we engage, but also to the spirit that we show. Thus, when writing to the congregation at Philippi, including the overseers and ministerial servants, the apostle Paul emphasized the need for them to be imitators of Christ in this respect—"doing nothing out of contentiousness or out of egotism, but with lowliness of mind considering that the others are superior to you."—Phil. 1:1; 2:1-8.

5 But what if a person does not do this? There are people who are so strong-minded that others frequently cannot reason with them. When such a person shares in a discussion he is contentious, giving others the clear impression that he is verbally fighting against his brothers. Because he thinks too highly of himself, he is inclined to hold the views of others in contempt. As a result, his remarks easily cause sharp divisions over the issues at hand instead of contributing to a meeting of minds. Of course, not everyone expresses himself in the same manner. Some are more forceful than others. But contentions and divisions are classed by God's Word as "works of the flesh." (Gal. 5:19, 20) Anyone who makes a practice of such things is not irreprehensible.

6 In what is recorded at 1 Timothy 5:7, referred to earlier, Paul was saying that real Christians ought to be irreprehensible in the way they care for widows who are closely related to them. But, of course, the same high standard applies to every aspect of our lives, does it not? Despite what the world around us does, all of us should be blameless. How? By "keeping a tight grip on the word of life," always advocating it by both our speech and our conduct. —Phil. 2:14-16.

Announcements

◆ New Publications Available:

God's "Eternal Purpose" Now Triumphing for Man's Good —Italian
God's Kingdom of a Thousand Years Has Approached —Portuguese
Is This Life All There Is? —Italian, Portuguese
Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand! —German
One World, One Government, Under God's Sovereignty —German

◆ When ordering the *1976 Yearbook,* publishers and pioneers are requested to do so through the congregation with which they are associated. Orders for the *Yearbook* in the following languages may be placed after the dates listed. December 1 — English. December 15 — French, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish. January 20 — Dutch, German, Korean. Copies of the *Yearbook* are 50 cents each for publishers. These are cash items and so payment must accompany all orders. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1975, may receive a free *Yearbook* by making request of the brother handling the literature. This will be included in the congregation's order, and credit may be requested from the Society for the pioneers' copies. Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 15 cents each.

◆ In the September *Kingdom Ministry* insert, page 6, talk No. 4, end of the first paragraph, the reference should be P. 288, not P. 228.

◆ Literature offer for November: *Man's Salvation out of World Distress*

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Your Share in Field Service

1 Is there an urgent need to share in field service today? Yes! The command to "make disciples" has more force now than at any other time since it was given near the beginning of the Common Era, because the Bible indicates that those who are destroyed at the approaching "great tribulation" will perish forever. (2 Thess. 1:9) So, whatever our circumstances or privileges in the congregation, we should all endeavor to share in helping others to come into the right relationship with Jehovah. —Matt. 28:19, 20.

2 To share effectively in field service, good planning is necessary. It is beneficial to set time aside to share regularly at convenient times each week, if at all possible. A good schedule allows you to accomplish much more and your regularity will be a source of encouragement to others who may work with you. If you normally share in field service only on weekdays, perhaps you can adjust things occasionally so you can benefit by working with one of the elders or others on a weekend.

3 While the elders in a congregation have much to do in the shepherding work, they are also to be "examples to the flock," and that includes their taking the lead in the field service. (1 Pet. 5:3) So elders should endeavor to balance their shepherding with field activity, giving due consideration to each. Balance is required, since there may be a tendency for any one of us to select what seems to be easiest to do, rather than what is most in need of attention.

4 But how can elders take the lead in field activity without neglecting shepherding work? Some elders make appointments to work in field service with publishers who need encouragement and offer them counsel as they walk between doors, thereby combining the shepherding and house-to-house work very nicely. Others may alternate weekends between shepherding and field service or they may work with the group from house to house for an hour or so and then visit publishers. After working with a group in rural territory, an elder may leave them in a town or more populated

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Suggested Presentation

How Salvation out of Distress Will Come; Isaiah 33:2 and 2 Peter 3:13.

Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

With the "New World Translation"

[1] During December we are going to be featuring in the field service the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,* along with the book *Listening to the Great Teacher,* for $1.25.

[2] But why offer people a Bible? Do they really need it? In days gone by, nearly every home had a Bible, but that is no longer true among the younger generation, and even among some older persons. So, frequently, the Bible that householders obtain from us is not "another" Bible for them; it is the only one they have. Even among those who may have a Bible, how many read it? Getting a modern-English translation may be the very thing that will get them started to read God's Word, and their use of the *New World Translation* can aid them to get the sense of the Scriptures, with lasting benefit to themselves. Now, how can we help the householder to appreciate that he would benefit by obtaining the Bible?

2 Tim 3:16 17

[3] Well, one way is by raising a common problem that deeply concerns many persons. Family life frequently is not happy. The wife may feel that her husband does not do his part, and vice versa. After introducing this subject (or another one that is suitable), if the householder shows interest, mention that the Bible gives helpful counsel. The concordance in the *New World Translation* makes it easy to find the desired reference. Turn to the concordance under the heading "Husband(s)"; point out the text at Ephesians 5:25 or Colossians 3:19. Now show the householder the alphabetical listing of Bible books on page 8. With this as a start, lead the householder step by step as he looks up the scripture himself, if he is willing to do so. Read with him both the cited verse and a few around it. Point out the difference that application of such counsel could make in one's family life. Mention that, using the *New World Translation,* he now knows how to find scriptures on such vital subjects himself. Offer it to him, with the *Great Teacher* book, for $1.25.

[4] If you are in an area where people have a Bible, perhaps an older translation such as the *King James,* you might use this approach: "Hello. My name is . . . And what is yours? [Response.] I would appreciate talking to you for just about five minutes, if I may, because I would like to ask you, 'How do you feel about reading the Bible in modern English? Do you think it is a good idea?' [Response.] Well, the English language has certainly changed since the 1600's, when the *King James* translation was made, hasn't it? We just don't use a lot of the older words anymore. For example, I have typed out on this slip of paper how my copy of the *King James Version* reads at 1 John 2:20. It says: 'But ye have an unction from the Holy One.' Now, I'm sure you will agree that not many people would know what an unction is. I wouldn't know either unless I looked it up in a modern-English Bible. Nor would most people know what kind of food pulse is. But the prophet Daniel asked to eat some, as stated in the *King James Version* at Daniel 1:12. [Read your typed-out copy of it.] Now, look at these two identical verses in this modern-English Bible. [Read and point out that "unction" is "anointing" and that "pulse" is "vegetables."] So, you can benefit from reading a modern-language Bible. I am leaving this one, with the book *Listening to the Great Teacher,* for just $1.25."

[5] There are various ways that the presentation can be made. Use what fits your territory and the householder to whom you talk.

Your Share in Field Service *(Cont'd)*

area, make shepherding calls in the vicinity and then return before the territory is completed to pick up the publishers.

[5] Yes, now is the time to have a fine share in letting people hear, whether they ignore the warning or respond and become disciples. (Ezek. 33:7-9) This urgent and purposeful work brings great blessings. (2 Cor. 9:6) A strong advocate of God's kingdom will, as a result of his activity, see himself and his congregation spiritually strengthened.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ The new service year began with a total of 7,117 congregations in the U.S.A. —575 more than the previous year! Over one third of all congregations in the country were formed within the past five years.

Question Box

- The *Man's Salvation* book (page 208, paragraph 8) and the October 1, 1975, *Watchtower* present different explanations as to who is represented by the "man" that planted the mustard grain. (Matt. 13:31, 32) Which is correct?

In the October 1, 1975, *Watchtower,* page 600, paragraph 22, we read: "Jesus Christ, with his prophetic foresight, could foreknow the outcome for the symbolic mustard grain that *he* planted *in the first century.*" So Jesus is to be considered as the planter referred to in this parable. An adjustment is being made in the printing of all future copies of the *Man's Salvation* book to read in harmony with this viewpoint.

The reasoning followed by *The Watchtower* is consistent with what is found at Isaiah 5:2 and Jeremiah 2:21. There, Jehovah God's experience with Israel was that he had planted Israel as a "choice red vine," but Israel turned out to be a nation of "wild grapes" or, as Jeremiah says, a 'degenerate, foreign vine.' The parable, then, would indicate that Jesus foresaw a parallel experience between what happened to Israel and that in connection with the "kingdom of the heavens" referred to in the illustration. Hence, *The Watchtower* presents the corrected understanding that Jesus indeed is the planter of the mustard grain in the first century.

The Door Is Still Open! *(Cont'd)*

ing up of the spiritual paradise. (1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:1-4) This is how we feel when we recognize that we are just one congregation under Jesus Christ.

[6] By personally reflecting godly fruitage, also by zeal in preaching and disciple-making, may all of us aid as many as possible to get into the antitypical ark while the opportunity is yet open.

Announcements *(Cont'd)*

at Hand!, with a booklet, for 50c. For December: *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (bi12), with *Great Teacher* book, for $1.25. January through April: *Watchtower* subscription for one year, with three booklets, for $1.50.

◆ Please note following new prices in *Cost List:*

	Pio.	*Pub.*
Revised Standard Version (bi53)	$2.90	$2.90
New American Bible (Catholic)	$4.55	$7.25

Also, prices of foreign-language Bibles stocked, but not printed by the Society, listed in *Cost List,* are no longer current and these change frequently. We suggest that you strike out such prices therein. When someone inquires about the price it will be necessary to write us to find out, or if such is ordered, to wait until the invoice giving the price is received.

★ Bring Someone to the Special Public Talks. ★

KINGDOM MINISTRY

FOR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DECEMBER 1975 "I will say to Jehovah: 'You are my refuge and my stronghold.'"—Ps. 91:2. VOL. XVIII NO. 12

Dear Kingdom Publishers:

Our brothers in Malawi are now experiencing another Siberia, another Nazi concentration camp, another Roman arena. "Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, a staunch elder in Malawi's Presbyterian Church of Central Africa," as he was described in *Time* magazine of December 8, 1972, has again shown his hatred for Jehovah's witnesses. Why? Because these Christians refuse to carry political party cards, with Banda's picture and signature on them. It is a showdown! Banda insists they be his followers; Jehovah's witnesses are determined to stand uncompromisingly for God's kingdom!

The Witnesses from Malawi who were residing in Mozambique now have been driven out of that country because they refuse to shout 'Viva Frelimo,' in favor of the new dictator government there. Forced back into Malawi, about 4,800 of them fled to Zambia again. But on October 22, we learned, these brothers were repatriated to Malawi a second time.

So upward of 30,000 are now back in Malawi. They have been harassed and brutally persecuted. Hundreds have been stripped naked, severely beaten and have had itching beans rubbed into their wounds. Our sisters have been fiendishly raped. What atrocities!

The latest development: The police are rounding up Jehovah's witnesses and putting them in detention camps. Another Siberia! Another Nazi concentration camp! Children are being separated from their mothers, the persecutors thinking that they can train them to be followers of a man rather than followers of Christ Jesus.

This is information that should go to the world! We have not read anything about it in the newspapers of America as yet, but the December 8 issue of *Awake!* will carry the whole story.

What can you do? The elders in each congregation are requested

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New Public Talks to Equip Us for Bible Studies

1 "Something is planned that will not only delight you but also no doubt surprise you." So read *The Watchtower* back in 1968 when announcing the district assemblies for that year. How thrilled we were to learn at these conventions about the six-month Bible study program with the *Truth* book! This has had a tremendous impact on the disciple-making work. Why, since the release of the *Truth* book more than 1,300,000 persons from all nations have gotten baptized.

2 In December, we can once again look forward to something new—the release of three booklets specifically designed for Bible study purposes. Each booklet has been prepared with one basic segment of society in mind. So that we can quickly become acquainted with the contents of these new publications, they will provide the basis for three public talks, starting the second week of December.

3 The first of these discourses will feature the subject "A Secure Future—How You Can Find It." This talk will be directed mainly to people who believe the Bible but are disturbed about the growing uncertainty of life. It will show how security is possible both now and in the future, while at the same time discussing basic Bible teachings.

4 "There Is Much More to Life!" is the encouraging topic to be considered the following week. Many people today see life only from the standpoint of day-to-day living. They want to know where we come from, what the meaning of life is and what the future holds. This is true of many young people as well as others. The material for this talk comes to grips with their thinking and points the way to a meaningful life as an approved servant of Jehovah God.

5 Concluding the series will be the discourse "Is There a God Who Cares?" This talk is directed to those who have doubts about God's existence—persons who cannot understand how a God who cares could permit humans to experience untold grief and suffering.

6 Not only will we benefit from hearing the special talks scheduled for December but so will many interested persons. Besides attending yourself, be sure to invite Bible students, acquaintances and relatives. If possible, arrange to accompany them to the Kingdom Hall. Hopefully they will attend all three talks. If for some reason they cannot do so, encourage them to come especially to the one that you feel would be most appropriate for them.

7 At the conclusion of each discourse, the particular booklet on which it was based will be released. Perhaps some attending for the first time will be glad to have you study the material with them. All, of course, will benefit by having the booklet for reviewing points that they may have missed. While the talk is fresh in your mind, read the booklet. As you read, mark it for use in conducting home Bible studies.

8 Truly we have grand things to look forward to in December. May Jehovah bless our efforts to aid fellowmen to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth with the help of the new instruments that will soon be available to us.

Suggested Presentation

See "Presenting the Good News."

★ **Never Leave God's Place of Spiritual Security.** ★

Your Service Meetings

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 7

15 min: Song 111. Enthusiastic talk on main article, "New Public Talks to Equip Us for Bible Studies." Emphasize inviting everyone to hear these discourses and how each talk should benefit people in the territory.

20 min: "Rejoice in the Hope." Brief comments on Romans 12:12, showing that hope enables the Christian to endure with rejoicing. Consider with audience the following questions based on *Aid,* pp. 787, 788. (1) Upon what relationship does one's having real hope depend? (Eph. 2:11, 12) (2) Why can we be sure about the hope of everlasting life? (Heb. 6:17-20) (3) What guarantee do we have that there is going to be an earthly resurrection? (Acts 17:31; 24:15) (4) How can our Christian hope be strengthened? (Heb. 3:6; 6:11; Rom. 5:2-5) (5) How does the "hope of salvation" benefit us? (2 Cor. 3:12; 1 Thess. 1:3; 5:8; 1 John 3:2, 3) Conclude with comments about how our hope should be motivating us. Even though we do not as yet possess the reward, our hope should sustain us when we are faced with trials and move us to share it with others at all opportunities.—1 Pet. 3:15.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—'Being All Things to All People.'" Comment on the scripture in paragraph one, regarding the value of imitating Paul's example in 'becoming all things to people of all sorts.' Then demonstrate points in paragraphs 3 and 6. After each demonstration ask why it is beneficial to share Scriptural thoughts that fit people we meet in the field. Encourage audience to use Bible texts that would help them to reach people of all sorts.

10 min: Concluding comments, including accounts report. Encourage publishers to advertise widely public talks for December, and to try presentations learned. Song 68.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 14

10 min: Song 63. Discuss Branch Letter and highlights of December 8 *Awake!* report on Malawi. Encourage writing of letters.

25 min: "Aiding New and Inexperienced Ones to Use the Bible." Talk on paragraphs 1 and 2, emphasizing the Scriptural principles in the texts cited. Then, have experienced publishers present *well-developed* demonstrations of suggestions in paragraphs 3 and 4. Ask audience what was learned from each demonstration. Conclude with comments on paragraphs 5 and 6, encouraging brothers who need assistance in using the Bible in field service to approach book study conductor for suggestions.

10 min: The 1976 Theocratic School Schedule. School overseer might briefly review the benefits of the School and then ask audience about its new features (extended discussion after the written review, new ways to present the Bible reading, and the oral review immediately after the instruction talk). Encourage those not in School to enroll.

15 min: Concluding comments. Encourage brothers to read booklet received at last public talk and to mark points for use on Bible studies. Consider the temporary pioneer work and urge all to plan for service activities during worldly holiday season. Mention need for being prepared for next week's Scriptural discussion. Song 51.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 21

10 min: Song 97. Comments on *Yearbook* text (Joel 2:13) for December 17. Apply thoughts to the parts that will be discussed in the rest of the meeting.

15 min: Warm talk on "Help Endangered 'Sheep.'" Apply the information to the needs of the congregation. If possible, interview one or two brothers who were helped by congregation publishers.

25 min: "Exercise Patience." Discussion of James 5:7-20, with scriptures that provide the basis for the questions being read first. (1) Read verses 7, 8. (a) What lesson can we learn from the farmer? (b) What factors might cause us to become impatient? (Note verses 4-6.) (2) Read verse 9. If we are patient, what will we not be doing toward our brothers? Why? (3) Read verses 10, 11. (a) How can the example of Job and the Hebrew prophets encourage us? (b) What do we learn here about the way Jehovah dealt with Job, and how does this encourage us to be patient? (4) Read verse 12. If we are patiently waiting for Jehovah to bring an end to the world's dishonesty, what should be true of our "Yes" and our "No"? Why? (*Aid*, p. 1238, pars. 3, 4, 6) (5) Read verses 13-20. (a) What should we do if we are suffering from some evil—disappointment, poor health or the like? (b) The patient person has joy. What should his being in "good spirits" move him to do? (Note that "psalms" are praises to God.) (c) If a person becomes spiritually ill, perhaps because of failing to exercise patience, what should he do? (d) How will patience help elders in dealing with erring ones? What should they do and why? (Emphasize the importance of prayer.) (e) Why, especially now, should we be interested in recovering those who have turned aside from the truth? (Conclude with encouragement for all to continue exercising patience.)

10 min: Concluding comments. Urge all to imitate Jehovah's patience by helping people to repent. (2 Pet. 3:9) Song 115.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 28

20 min: Song 78. Enthusiastic talk on highlights of pages 3 to 15 of new *Yearbook*. There is no need to try to cover all the material. Explain how the experiences of our brothers in other parts of the earth strengthen our faith. Encourage all to read the *Yearbook,* individually or as a family.

25 min: "The End of All Things Has Drawn Close." Discussion of 1 Peter 4:7-19, with passages on which questions are based being read first. (When the apostle Peter wrote, he was referring to the approaching end of the Jewish system of things. Today we are fast approaching the end of the entire wicked system. So the admonition of Peter has timely meaning to us.) (1) Read verse 7. (a) If we are "sound in mind," what view will we have of material things, worldly pleasures and the like? How will this right view affect our field service? (b) Why is prayer essential in this time of the end? (2) Read verses 8, 9. (a) What attitude should we take toward the minor transgressions of our brothers, and why? (b) What developments in the "last days" can put our hospitality to the test? (3) Read verses 10, 11. What are some gifts we have, and how should we use them? (4) Read verses 12-14. (a) Why should we not become disturbed about persecution? (b) How should we feel about it? (5) Read verses 15-19. (a) What should never be the reason for our undergoing suffering? (b) Why is Peter's counsel in this regard especially appropriate for us today? (c) To whom should we always look to strengthen us when we are experiencing difficulty? (d) What should we be doing when enduring trials? Conclude, urging all to live in expectation of the certain fulfillment of Jehovah's promise.

15 min: Concluding comments. Share some experiences of article "Preaching the 'Good News' in the Frozen North," in the 3/1/74 *Watchtower,* page 141. Encourage brothers to read Question Box and to finish personal reading of the booklets so they will be prepared for the *Watchtower* campaign. Point out scripture featured in opening article of January 1 *Watchtower* and describe how it may be used in presenting subscription offer. Song 105.

Branch Letter *(Cont'd)*

to select five capable brothers who have business letterheads, if possible, to write "His Excellency the Life President of Malawi Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda, Central Government Offices, Private Bag 301, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Central Africa," and ask him a few questions as to his viewpoint of Christianity and why he treats humans the way he does. Let him know that you have heard about what is happening in Malawi.

It would be good if one or two of the five writers selected could get an airmail letter off to Banda right away. The others may want to wait until after they have read the December 8 *Awake!*

Another thing, try to have your newspaper publish an article about what is going on in Malawi. You can write a news release based on the *Awake!* material. The Society has given the United Press and other news agencies details, and we hope the facts will get into newspapers world wide.

What more can we do? Give it publicity by distributing the *Awake!* magazine; also keep it before Jehovah God in prayer as our early Christian brothers must have done when their brothers were thrown to the lions in the arena in Rome. Let us all be courageous and continue to preach the good news of the Kingdom until God's government brings relief to his servants on the earth.

Your brothers,
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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS

December 1, 1975

Dear Brothers:

We are confident that this finds all of you 'paying attention to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the holy spirit has appointed you overseers, to shepherd the congregation of God, which he purchased with the blood of his own Son.' (Acts 20:28) These are serious times and our concern for our brothers and for their spiritual welfare calls for very thoughtful attention to their needs and interests.

We can be grateful that we do not face an impending apostasy, as was the case with Christian overseers in the apostle Paul's day. (Acts 20:29, 30) We do, nevertheless, face trials and tests and dangers, and this is certainly not the time for relaxing our vigil on behalf of all the flock. Though enjoying a spiritual paradise, we should still have the same concern for our brothers, and particularly for the weak, that the apostle Paul expressed at 2 Corinthians 11:28, 29.—Rom. 15:1.

Showing such concern is a day-to-day matter. However, the occasions when the elders of a congregation meet together as a body are times when they can show particular concern for the welfare of the whole congregation. We would therefore like to share with you some suggestions with regard to meetings of elders and how these meetings can be profitable for all and for the prospering of God's work on earth.

Elders' Meeting During the Visit of the Circuit Overseer

This special meeting is usually scheduled as an extra elders' meeting apart from the quarterly meetings, unless there seems to be good reason to combine the two. The current presiding overseer serves as the chairman, as at other elders' meetings.

In preparing for and conducting this meeting it is good to keep in mind that the circuit overseer's visit represents a special opportunity. While he shares in the meeting as a visiting elder, his visit is with a purpose. The right attitude toward such ones is expressed at 3 John 5-8. Those elders serving in the circuits have all received appointment through the governing body to serve in that capacity and generally have much experience in God's service. In receiving such visiting brothers, elders will, of course, keep in mind the apostle's inspired counsel: "In brotherly love have tender affection for one another. In showing honor to one another take the lead."—Rom. 12:10.

In view of this, the agenda for the meeting in which the circuit overseer will share should be developed around the needs of the congregation in which he could most likely be of help, providing practical suggestions and observations. He spends much time in such meetings in different congregations and that experience can prove beneficial; he may be able to provide helpful examples and things learned in other congregations. We should always be open to receive suggestions or fresh thoughts that may aid in forwarding God's work both in the congregation and out in the field.—Compare Acts 13:15; see *Organization,* p. 84.

So, since the occasion is a special one, it merits added thought and preparation. It may be possible for the presiding overseer and the circuit overseer, early during the week of the visit, to discuss the agenda for the meeting. Of course, all the elders are invited to recommend points they feel that it would be good to include among matters to be discussed. Once an agenda is decided upon, the elders as a whole should be advised of it, so as to give some thought beforehand and to be prepared to contribute to the discussion. Of course, this does not mean that new points cannot be brought up at the meeting. The most good will come from this meeting if it is tailored for the visit of the circuit overseer and the matters on which he can best assist. Matters that do not merit immediate attention could be discussed by the elders on some other occasion. If the meeting of the elders with the circuit overseer can be scheduled toward the end of the week, after he has become acquainted personally with the conditions or "spirit" in the congregation, it may be more beneficial.

(Philem. 25) But local circumstances will determine the schedule.

During the meeting the circuit overseer should feel free to comment or ask questions along with the other elders. The congregational elders may also wish to ask him for his observations on points discussed. It would be good for part of the meeting time to be made available for his use, perhaps twenty or thirty minutes, during which time he could present information he sees as being needed. He may find it good to review some of the matters discussed at the circuit assembly meeting of elders (conducted by the district overseer) and such a review could prove very beneficial.—2 Pet. 1:12, 13.

Often the circuit overseer, as a visiting elder, can make objective observations on the spirit he notes in the congregation—to what extent the congregation is displaying peace and unity—and he should feel free to do so. He may be able to contribute something of a balancing effect while offering, from Scripture and from experience, suggestions as to how improvements might be made in shepherding the flock, teaching at meetings, providing better direction to the work, or aiding individuals in the field. Elders will appreciate anything constructive and beneficial that might be offered by the traveling overseer.

It may be that the elders have in mind certain brothers to recommend in the future as ministerial servants or elders. If the body of elders have some question about the qualification of any of these, they could benefit from the circuit overseer's observations. Or, those elders serving on the judicial committee may have some questions regarding problems, either already handled or current, on which they would appreciate the circuit overseer's viewpoint and Scriptural expression.

For further details on the elders' meeting during the circuit overseer's visit, consult the August 1974 *Kingdom Ministry* article "Elders' Meeting During Circuit Overseer's Visit," and the May 1975 *Kingdom Ministry* article "Get the Spiritual Benefits."

Soon after the circuit overseer's visit his report should be passed around to each of the elders to read. The various points made can be beneficial to the elders, the ministerial servants and the entire congregation. Also there may be useful information that can provide the basis for the special service meetings to be prepared locally as suggested from time to time.

Quarterly Elders' Meetings

In preparing for quarterly elders' meetings, the elders would do well to think on the shepherding counsel found in the letters to Timothy and Titus and in such passages as Acts 20:17-35 and 1 Peter 5:1-11, having in mind their own congregation and their shepherding work therein. The times in which we now live make even more vital the application of this counsel. By paying more than the usual attention to it, the elders may be aided to see more clearly what vital aspects of their service to their brothers merit consideration. (Heb. 2:1) As an example, consider the following points, any two or three of which might provide the basis for a spiritual, meaningful and practical discussion:

The elders may consider *the overall spirit of the congregation,* to what extent it is displaying the fruitage of God's spirit. (Compare Galatians 5:22, 23; 6:18; Philippians 4:23; Philemon 25; 1 Thessalonians 5:23.) Is real love manifested by a spirit of genuine warmth among the brothers? Are the bonds of love fortified by good hospitality and friendliness, by freedom from class distinctions and by a spirit of helpfulness in cases of need? Could such be improved? How? Is there a joyful spirit in the congregation, producing a pleasant atmosphere, free from tension? At the same time, do the brothers take the truth seriously as a way of life, involving all their activity, not just meetings or field service? Practical suggestions may be considered dealing with the local situation.—1 Pet. 4:8-10; Acts 2:46; Jas. 2:1-4, 15, 16.

In each case, wherever some weakness is evident, the elders can consider what part they themselves play in the matter, whether they contribute by word or example to the weakness and what they can do to aid in improvement. Elders should "set the tone" for the application of true Christianity in the congregation. They should speak in the same voice as the Fine Shepherd, and not make their own "rules," for this could be damaging to the joy of the congregation, producing unnecessary tension.—John 10:4, 5; 1 Cor. 1:10; Phil. 2:1-4.

The elders may consider *how well acquainted they are with the flock* so as to be able to deal with it in an understanding and encouraging way. Worsening conditions create many problems nowadays and many of our brothers need encouragement. How well do we know the condition of the flock? (Prov. 27:23) What of new ones associating? Are these becoming well known to the elders and vice versa? Is due consideration being given to the sick, the handicapped, those with unbelieving mates and the young people in the congregation? What can be done to help such ones in a practical yet kind and loving way? (Jas. 1:27; 1 Tim. 5:9, 10; Prov. 14:21; 28:27; 1 Thess. 5:14) In following Paul's example at Acts 20:20, is there need for more home visitation, not in a critical or faultfinding way, but to encourage and to strengthen bonds of mutual confidence and appreciation?—Rom. 1: 11, 12.

Similarly, consideration should be given to *the congregation meetings* and how these, particularly the service meeting, can be more beneficial and meaningful for the local congregation. Can the meetings be more practically developed to cover local needs and conditions? Is proper timing being given consideration so as to avoid creating problems for those in attendance? Are there certain public talk subjects that would be especially worth while to feature again, perhaps 'tailoring' them more directly to the needs of the local congregation? Are presentations from the platform sufficiently warm and encouraging? Do they show good balance and understanding of the brothers' circumstances and difficulties? Are those commenting making real expressions of faith or is there much mechanical answering, as for example, reading comments without understanding the material, and so forth? Where problems exist, what can be done to help make the meetings more spiritually enriching or to aid those in attendance to participate more freely or more constructively? Is there need for transportation assistance for some in attending meetings? Are there dangers involved for some in getting to meetings? How might these be helped? Is there need to consider a change in meeting times? A need for more book study groups?

As to the *preaching and teaching work in the field,* the field overseer, of course, should be giving this regular attention, endeavoring to see that arrangements are made that are really helpful for all who wish to share, both during the week and on weekends. He may wish to consider with the body certain points where their cooperation is particularly needed or where their suggestions would be appreciated. Elders can consider how they might better balance their shepherding responsibilities with their personal share in the spreading of the good news in the field. Are they examples to the flock in field service? (Phil. 3:17; 1 Pet. 5:3) What help is being given to new ones to make good progress in extending the word of life to others? Are they being helped to learn how to use the Bible in so doing? Are they being invited to accompany others in return-visit and Bible-study activity so that they can learn how to be effective teachers of Bible truth?

How can more be encouraged to share in *temporary or regular pioneer activity?* Are those now pioneering in position to help more to share in the service during the week or at times when the elders are not free to do so? How much encouragement are the elders giving to those now pioneering? Are you aware of any problems they may be having?

How well are the people in the territory being reached and to what extent are the brothers extending the word of life at every opportunity, to relatives, friends, acquaintances, workmates, as well as strangers, whom they meet in daily life? Are there foreign-language groups in the territory and can they be better cared for? The circuit overseer spends much time in the field service and he may have helpful suggestions to aid you on many of these matters.

Moral cleanness in the congregation is another possible vital topic. The judicial committee may have knowledge of circumstances that the rest of the body of elders could be informed of, so as to know how best to cooperate in protecting the congregation's spiritual health, as well as to aid individual members who are weak. (Information of a confidential nature should be kept that way and not passed on to others outside the body.)

Certain trends may be evident that merit attention, perhaps due to their threatening an infiltration of worldliness, as in certain extremes in dress, entertainment and similar things. The need for a balanced viewpoint can be discussed. The elders should not try to 'police' the brothers' private lives, but should allow the exercise of personal conscience. At the same time they should as loving shepherds be alert to see genuine dangers and cope with these. The way to deal with trends that seem to constitute a genuine danger is not by imposing rules or arbitrary prohibitions but rather by the "healthful teaching" that aids the brothers to be alert to the danger of going to extremes. Encourage a balanced attitude in all things, impressing the brothers with the benefits of safeguarding themselves and others from slipping into immoral practices, not becoming a cause for stumbling to others.—Rom. 14:19; 1 Cor. 8:9-13; 10:23, 24, 31-33; 1 Thess. 4:3-6; Titus 1:9; 2:1-8.

Paul's instructions at 2 Timothy 2:2 apply to elders in *aiding other males in the congregation to qualify for service responsibilities.* How can such help be given to certain ones and how much is now being done with an eye to future development? "Reaching out" is not simply a matter of expressing a desire to serve in some such position, but is manifest in personal development of the fine qualities that make one helpful to others, serviceable.

Ways in which the ministerial servants could be better utilized might be discussed, seeing that the abilities of each one are used to the extent possible, also aiding them to continue developing.

There are a number of articles that have appeared in *The Watchtower* and other publications on subjects that relate directly to the work of overseers, and on others indirectly related, such as those on mercy, repentance and similar topics. Any of these could provide material for worthwhile discussion and could be beneficially reviewed and applied where appropriate and where time permits.

Besides all these things, there are matters of a less directly spiritual nature that may call for attention, such as the need for better care and protection of the Kingdom Hall and property, or future literature needs and the problem of seeing that any old supplies of literature or magazines are put to use, perhaps giving better attention to some of the necessary congregation records or the meeting of certain financial obligations of the congregation.

There are therefore many, many points for possible discussion. The elders must necessarily be selective as to which ones they consider at any particular meeting, basing their selection on the current needs of their congregation. This will also help to avoid meetings that are unnecessarily long. Some of the above matters can be handled as a regular part of the elders' activity as they serve from week to week. Other matters that could beneficially be handled by them as a body might be discussed briefly at times that will not interfere with their giving attention to the flock or their sharing personally in preaching the good news.

Whatever is decided at these elders' meetings that requires further action should be carried out as promptly as possible. Talking will accomplish little if it is not followed by action, and we should want to be "doers of the word, and not hearers only." (Jas. 1:22-25; 1 John 3:18) Thus if certain matters fall, for example, under the responsibility of the field overseer or the Bible study overseer to handle, as outlined in the *Organization* book, each will use his initiative to follow through. Some things, of course, require the united effort of all in the body, such as visiting brothers in their homes, improving the quality of meetings or taking the lead in the field. But there are other details that certain elders may be assigned by the body to look after. In such cases, it should be definitely understood who will see to it that the task is carried out. The presiding overseer will make it a point to keep informed on the progress being made and show concern that these matters are properly handled. In this way these meetings will result, not just in many words, but in real accomplishment for the good of all.—Prov. 15:22.

We appreciate the weighty responsibility that you brothers carry and pray that "your love may abound yet more and more with accurate knowledge and full discernment; that you may make sure of the more important things," as you serve the flock. Keep ever in mind the power of God's Word and his spirit and, by your healthful teaching, let these, rather than some imposition of arbitrary rules, be the force motivating the flock to zealous action and righteous living. In this way all of you will "be filled with righteous fruit, which is through Jesus Christ, to God's glory and praise."—Phil. 1:9-11.

Stay alive to the needs of the flock and be alert to shepherd with discernment, understanding and kindness. When the circuit overseer visits, he may discern matters affecting the spirituality of the flock that have not been fully appreciated by the other elders; or he may be of valuable assistance in aiding the elders to get certain problems in clearer focus. We are sure that you elders will properly value and make good use of the kind assistance he may give, as one of the men that the Head, Christ Jesus, contributes to the congregation for its service and benefit.—Eph. 4:11-16.

Please be assured of our warm love and best wishes as you continue on loyally and faithfully caring for the flock of God.

GOVERNING BODY OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Aiding New and Inexperienced Ones to Use the Bible

1 How thrilling it is to see thousands of new publishers joining us in the vital work of Kingdom-preaching. All of these, though, need instruction to become effective proclaimers of the "good news." Jesus Christ set the example for us in providing guidelines for the disciples. When sending out the seventy evangelizers, he said: "Wherever you enter into a house say first, 'May this house have peace.' Also, wherever you enter into a city and they receive you, . . . go on telling them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'" —Luke 10:5, 8, 9.

2 Today many of those sharing in the preaching work are accomplishing much in distributing magazines. Others, besides utilizing magazines, are getting excellent results by 'reasoning with people from the Scriptures.' (Compare Acts 17:2-4.) How fine it would be if more publishers could be aided to use the Bible in this way!

3 Those conducting Bible studies have opportunities to assist their students right from the start to become effective in handling the Word of God. The student could be encouraged to *use* what he is learning. For example, if the third chapter of the *Truth* book ("Who Is God?") is being considered, the conductor could ask, 'How might you explain to a friend that there is no Trinity? What scriptures would you read to him?' After the study, the conductor might have the student use the Bible to explain to him who God is. If the student is progressively aided to use what he is learning, he will know to some extent how to use the Bible when he actually starts sharing in the field service. He will know how to explain his beliefs and to develop his argumentation. Then, as he works with experienced publishers, he will continue to progress, benefiting from their example and suggestions even after he is baptized.

4 Parents are usually in the best position to help their children. Part of the family study period could be devoted to training children to use the Bible. When discussing problems that come up at school, parents might ask children to show from the Bible the reason for their stand. The youngsters could also be assigned to work up a presentation on specific objections encountered in the territory. Whenever good field points come up during the course of the Bible study, parents could highlight these.

5 Similarly, brothers conducting book studies have opportunities to help publishers in their group to make progress in handling God's Word. They may want to discuss with the field overseer what he knows about those needing aid and what could be done in their behalf. If some, though associated with the congregation for a long time, are only presenting magazines in the field service, how might they be encouraged to expand their ability by using the Bible? Could they be helped to make up a presentation based on a scripture or two with which they are familiar? They might benefit from working in the field service with the conductor or another publisher who uses the Bible well. Occasionally, during the course of the book study, the conductor might briefly show how a particular scripture could be used in the field.

6 What a blessing it is for people in the territory when the Scriptures are explained to them! As we seek to reason from the Scriptures, we will be helping sincere persons to appreciate the value of studying God's Word. Is that not a desirable goal?

Announcements

◆ The Society has a supply of the regular edition of the Spanish Moderna Bible. We also have a limited supply of the deluxe and thumb-indexed editions. The costs are:

	Pio.	*Pub.*
Regular edition	$1.30	$2.00
Deluxe edition	$3.40	$5.40
Thumb-indexed edition	$4.35	$6.90

◆ New Publications Available:
The Jerusalem Bible —English
(congregation & public rate: $16.95; pioneer rate: $12.30)

◆ Available Again in U.S.A.:
The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life —Melanesian-Pidgin, Polish

◆ Permanently Out of Stock:
The Bible, A New Translation by James Moffatt —English

◆ After January 1, 1976, congregations may submit orders for the 1975 bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* These will be available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish. Volumes are $2.50 each. There are no pioneer rates. These are cash items and so payment must accompany all orders. We also have in stock 1971 *Awake!* bound volumes in English, available at the reduced cost of $1.50. Any desiring these, please order them with your current bound-volume order.

◆ Literature offer for December: *New World Translation* (bi12), with *Great Teacher* book, for $1.25. January through April: *Watchtower* subscription for one year, with three booklets, for $1.50.

Help Endangered "Sheep"

1 As you look around the Kingdom Hall, can you think of some brothers and sisters whom you have not seen for quite a while? Do you know why they are not attending meetings or sharing in the field service? Perhaps they are burdened with serious family or health problems, or have hurt feelings due to some personality differences, or for some other reason are depressed and discouraged. Or, it may be that someone has moved into your area who at one time associated with Jehovah's Christian witnesses but has attended no meetings in the new location.

2 What should our attitude be toward these brothers and sisters? It should be like that expressed in Jesus Christ's illustration at Matthew 18:12, 13. The shepherd willingly left the flock to search diligently for the sheep that had strayed. Expressing Jehovah's view of straying "sheep," Jesus stated: "It is not a desirable thing with my Father who is in heaven for one of these little ones to perish." (Matt. 18:14) Surely, then, we want to be in harmony with Jehovah, doing what we can to help straying "sheep" back into association with the congregation, the flock.

3 In their weakened state, straying "sheep" are in need of assurances from us brothers and sisters who love them. A phone call or a visit prompted, not by a mere sense of duty, but because of really caring for them can do much to lift their spirits. Your simply telling them that they should go to meetings and share in the field service would not be particularly encouraging. In fact, it could be the cause of further discouragement. When speaking to them, be warm and friendly as you would be with fleshly relatives whom you deeply love. Above all, strive to be a good listener and show understanding. You might share with them an upbuilding experience, or invite them to your home for a meal and an afternoon or evening of upbuilding association. If you are able to get them to go with you to a meeting or accompany you in some service activity it can do much to build them up. In some way spend a little time with them. By being natural, expressing yourself from the heart, you will be showing that you care about them as beloved brothers or sisters.—1 Thess. 5:14, 15.

4 Truly in this time of the end we need those related to us in

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Presenting THE GOOD NEWS

'Being All Things to All People'

1 The apostle Paul was keenly interested in helping his fellowmen to come to an accurate knowledge of the truth. He did everything within his power to reach their hearts. "To the Jews I became as a Jew," said Paul, "that I might gain Jews . . . To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to people of all sorts, that I might by all means save some." (1 Cor. 9:20-22) Is this your desire when sharing in the field service? But how can you become "all things to people of all sorts"?

2 One way is by approaching them with a presentation of Scriptural information that will have real meaning to them. What might appeal to a Catholic or Protestant, for example, may be of no interest to an agnostic or atheist. Similarly, men, women and youths vary as to their fields of interest. So would it not be good to prepare to share Scriptural thoughts that would fit the people whom we will meet in the field?

3 What might you say to a woman? After a greeting, perhaps you could state: "I would like to share with you a thought from the Bible about how one can enjoy a happy family life. Many parents today are very much concerned about their children. The way children act can affect a family's happiness, isn't that so? Notice what the Bible says about this. [Read Proverbs 23:24, 25.] Bible instruction can be of real help to children." Then offer the Bible, along with *Listening to the Great Teacher,* for $1.25.

4 When a man answers the door, you might say: "The reason I am calling is to share with you God's promise of peace and security. We all are concerned about the security of our home and our job, are we not? Notice what kind of security the Bible promises." (Read 2 Peter 3:13.) Thereafter the current offer could be presented.

5 What about teen-agers? Do we take time to speak to them? Or do we always ask for the parents? Though their parents may not be interested, many youths are. One fourteen-year-old boy wrote to the Society requesting a visit from one of Jehovah's witnesses. Among other things, he said: "After reviewing many of your publications, I would like to learn more about God's Word. Realizing that my religion is part of Babylon the Great, I wish to get out from her."

6 What might you say when a teen-ager comes to the door? Possibly something like this: "Hello, my name is . . . What's yours? I am encouraging young folks like you to read about the grand future that the Bible promises for us." (Read Revelation 21:4, 5.) Ask what his thoughts are about this promise, and conclude with the literature offer. You might encourage him to read chapter 46 of the *Great Teacher* book.

7 It may be that you have found certain other Scriptural thoughts that work well in your territory. If so, continue using them and mention them to other publishers. The important thing is that we try to reach "people of all sorts," doing so in the hope that some of them might be saved.

Help Endangered "Sheep" *(Cont'd)*

the faith. May we, therefore, continue to think about what we can do to encourage our brothers, to pray for them and to be genuinely interested in those who may be missing out on needed association with the flock.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.	Av. Mags.
Sp'l Pios.	748	146.6	51.0	4.3	156.4
Pios.	18,976	93.4	34.3	2.8	94.7
Temp. Pios.	7,611	78.2	21.4	1.2	78.7
Pubs.	511,790	8.9	3.8	.4	13.2
TOTAL	539,125				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,644

UNITED STATES GOAL FOR 1976
588,242 Publishers

HOW DID WE DO IN SEPTEMBER?

It was pleasurable to see 2,644 persons being baptized during September. Yes, there are still many honest-hearted individuals who want to serve Jehovah and who respond to our witnessing. Could we help more people to gain life by improving our share in field service? The September report shows a drop in the number of hours spent in the field, the books, magazines and subscriptions placed, the return visits made and the Bible studies conducted compared with the same month the previous year. Let us use our time wisely during the coming months so more lives will be saved to the honor of Jehovah God.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ **In 1943 the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead was started. Since that time 59 classes, with a total enrollment of nearly 6,000, have completed the training. Students have come from 114 lands and have been assigned to 161 countries. In some 40 of these lands very little, if any, witnessing was done prior to the arrival of Gilead-trained missionaries. During the years the school has been conducted, 31 languages have been taught. When Gilead School was organized back in 1943, only 55 countries were being given a witness. Now there are Kingdom proclaimers in 210 lands.**

◆ **Nigeria started the new service year with 113,008 publishers reporting, their seventh consecutive peak.**

Question Box

● Is it permissible for a congregation to have a meeting early in the week when the circuit overseer makes his visit?

The *Organization* book, page 84, suggests that during the week of his visit all the congregation meetings will be held at their normal time. However, this is not a hard and fast rule. Page 103 shows that the time of meetings is determined locally. If the elders want to take this matter up with the congregation and they wish to have a meeting earlier in the week, such as Tuesday or Wednesday evening, instead of Thursday or Friday evening, there would be no objection to that, provided it does not conflict with the schedule of other congregations that also use the same hall.

Meetings should be held when it is in the best interest of the congregation. It may be, in some places where only one or two congregations are using a Kingdom Hall and where normally the service meeting would be on Thursday or Friday, that the congregation would want to move that meeting to Tuesday for the week of the circuit overseer's visit. It has been reported that in some places, when there are meetings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it is difficult for those from divided families and some of the newly interested ones to attend all of them. Congregation elders can inform the circuit overseer if there will be any change from the usual meeting schedule so he will have opportunity to prepare for his parts.

The congregation's meeting with the circuit overseer early in the week also has the advantage of allowing more to speak with him personally and to arrange to go with him or his wife in the field service. It is always good to do what brings the most benefit from the visit of the circuit overseer, so it is left to the local congregation to decide if it wishes to make any changes in the meeting times for this special week.

Meetings for field service are ordinarily arranged each day, Wednesday through Sunday, during the visit of the circuit overseer. So that the congregation benefits fully from his experience, it is usually found advantageous to have the circuit overseer preside at these meetings for field service.

★ **Make Preparations to Use the New Booklets.** ★